

## Vacancy for Parish Councillor

### STRATTON ST MARGARET HAS A VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLORS TO SERVE LOWER STRATTON WARD

The Council invites applications from candidates who satisfy the eligibility criteria for being a Councillor.

A written application for consideration for Co-option should be sent to The Clerk to the Council, outlining skills, experience and why you would make a good Councillor. Please include your name, address and contact details and how long you have lived in the parish.

#### Eligibility for Co-option

A council may need to investigate or obtain evidence about a candidate's eligibility to be a Councillor if this is challenged.

To be able to stand as a candidate you must:

- be at least 18 years old on the day of your nomination
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union

Meet at least **one** of the following four qualifications:

- A Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a member state of the European Union.
- You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.
- You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
- Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area.
- You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

#### Disqualifications

Apart from meeting the qualifications for standing for election, you must also not be disqualified from standing. There are certain people who are disqualified from being elected to a parish or community council in England and Wales. You cannot be a candidate if at the time of your nomination and on the day of the election:

- You are employed by the parish/community council or hold a paid office under the parish/community council (including joint boards or committees).
- You are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
- You have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before polling day.

Signed:



Chief Executive Officer/Clerk to the Council  
18 April 2019