



COUNCILLOR CRITERIA FOR CO-OPTION

To be eligible you must be a British, Commonwealth, Irish or European Union citizen and on the day of co-option be 18 or over. In addition, you must meet at least **one** of the following criteria:

- 1) On the day of co-option and thereafter you continue to be on the electoral register for the community, or
- 2) During the whole of twelve months before that day you have owned or tenanted land or premises in the community, or
- 3) During the whole of twelve months before that day your principal or only place of work has been in the community, or
- 4) During the whole of twelve months before that day you have resided in the community or within three miles of it.
- 5) Except for qualification (1), these qualifications then continue for the full term of office, until the next ordinary elections.

Please note that you cannot be a candidate if:

- You are subject of a bankruptcy restriction 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 past five years.
- You have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices and offences relating to donations).