



PARISH COUNCIL OF SANDHURST, KENT

CO-OPTION CRITERIA

Once the Electoral Services Department of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has confirmed that the regulation 10 requests from electors have not been fulfilled the Parish Council can fill casual vacancies by co-option.

Qualifying Criteria

To be considered for co-option applicants must :

- be 18 years of age or over
- be a qualifying Commonwealth citizen or an EU citizen.

Applicants must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- be registered as a Local Government Elector for the Parish on the current Electoral Register
- has during the whole of the previous 12 months occupied as tenant or owner any land or other premises in the Parish
- has had his/her principal or only place of work in the previous 12 months in the Parish
- has resided either in the Parish or within 3 miles thereof during the previous 12 months.

Disqualifying Criteria

There are some criteria which will prevent an applicant being considered for co-option :

- holding a paid office or employment to which he has been appointed by the council or a sub-committee
- being subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order
- has within 5 years been convicted of any offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of at least 3 months
- been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices or was responsible for incurring unlawful expenditure and the court orders disqualification.