



Huntingdon Town Council

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Vacancy on Huntingdon Town Council

Huntingdon Town Council currently has three Councillor Vacancy, one seat in each of the following wards: Central Ward, South Ward and South East ward which will be filled via Co-Option at the Town Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 31st May – following which the Town Councillor Induction Training will be held.

If you would like to stand for Co-option and you are over 18 years of age please download an Application Form and Criteria details via www.huntingdowntown.gov.uk

Closing date for all application **12 noon Friday 27th May 2022**

What is a Town Councillor?

Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward or town – in Huntingdon the entire parish is divided into wards. Councillors are generally elected by the public every four years, but there are three Co-options space available on the Town Council at the moment to fill the uncontested seats from the Elections held on 5th May 2022.

In accordance with Section 89(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, where the vacancy occurs within six months before the day on which the councillor whose office is vacant would regularly have retired, an election shall not be held under Section 89(1) of the above Act, and the vacancies will be filled at the next ordinary election of councillors on Thursday 29th October 2020.

What do councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work:

1. Decision making - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. Monitoring - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. Getting involved locally - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations.



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These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:

- Going to meetings of local organisations
- Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community
- Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

How much time does it take up?

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about an hour a week. Obviously there are some councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a town councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community, and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

As a councillor representing your community you will help keep it a great place to live and work.

- You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training.
- You should be comfortable working electronically.
- You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team.

If after reading this notice you are interested in applying, please contact the clerk to the council using the above details.

The closing date for applications is the 12 noon Friday 27th May 2022