

APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION

Introduction

The Town Council has received an application for co-option in accordance with its co-option procedure which is attached to this report. The candidate has confirmed his attendance at the meeting.

Application

The applicant confirmed that he is registered to vote in Cranbrook and lives in Cranbrook.

The Council's co-option procedure requests responses to three questions which are set out below:

a) Why would you like to become a Cranbrook Town Councillor?

I am eager to become a Cranbrook Town Councillor because I am deeply committed to helping our local community and addressing the specific needs of our town. Having lived in Cranbrook for 7 years, I have developed a strong connection to our community and a keen understanding of the issues we face. I believe that by serving as a councillor, I can actively contribute to resolving local issues and improving the quality of life for our residents. My dedication to listening to the concerns of our community and working collaboratively with others motivates me to take on this role and ensure that our town's voice is heard and acted upon effectively.

b) What skills and experience do you bring which would help the Council to achieve outcomes, and what barriers do you think may need to be overcome?

I bring strong skills in problem-solving and community engagement to the Council. My experience in actively listening to people and incorporating their feedback into decision-making processes will be essential for addressing local issues effectively. I am also adept at finding creative solutions and implementing these. By focusing on transparent communication and innovative approaches, we can overcome barriers such as broad engagement and budget constraints, ensuring that our initiatives align with the diverse needs and aspirations of Cranbrook's residents.

c) What would you want to see the Council achieve in the next three years, and how can Cranbrook Town Council be different from other councils?

In the next three years, I would like to see the Council focus on achieving tangible improvements for our community, such as enhancing local infrastructure, addressing pressing local issues, and expanding recreational and green spaces. For instance, creating more opportunities for community engagement and development projects can significantly benefit our residents and enhance their quality of life.

To make Cranbrook Town Council stand out from others, we should emphasize a commitment to listening to and incorporating feedback from our residents. This means holding regular town hall meetings, creating accessible channels for public input, and ensuring that decisions reflect the community's needs and desires. By fostering a culture of transparency, responsiveness, and active engagement, we can differentiate ourselves and build a more inclusive and effective local government.