

**NTTC Co-Option Policy and Procedure APPENDIX B  
Co-option Eligibility Form 2021**

**In order to be eligible for co-option as a North Tawton Town Councillor you MUST:**

- be a **British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union** [note that as at **March 2021** the relevant legislation re this wording has not yet been changed post-Brexit, and therefore this wording must remain as is).
- on the 'relevant date' (i.e. the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election) you must be **aged 18 years of age or over**; and
- additionally you are able to meet one of the following qualifications set out below.

**Please tick whichever applies to you:**

I am registered as a local government elector for the parish; <b>or</b>	
I have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of my co-option occupied, as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish; <b>or</b>	
My principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the parish; <b>or</b>	
I have during the whole of twelve months resided in the parish or within 3 miles of it	

**Please note that under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 a person is disqualified from being elected as a Local Councillor or being a member of a Local Council if he/she:**

- Holds any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chairman) or of a joint committee on which the Council is represented; or
- Is a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with his/her creditors (but see below); or
- Has within five years before the day of election, or since his/her election, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine; or
- Is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

**This disqualification for bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances:**

- i.** If the bankruptcy is annulled on the grounds that either the person ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or that his/her debts have been fully discharged;
- ii.** If the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on his/her part;
- iii.** If the person is discharged without such a certificate.

In i and ii above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment and discharge respectively. In iii, it ceases on the expiry of five years from the date of discharge.

**DECLARATION**

I..... hereby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of North Tawton Town Councillor, and the information given on this form is true and accurate record.  
Signature.....

Date.....

**North Tawton Town Council is duty bound to treat this information as strictly confidential.**