



**Kingston Borough Liberal Democrats
Candidate approvals panel
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Application for inclusion in the list of approved candidates for the local elections or a by-election to Kingston Council.

Please fill in your answers in the boxes (which will expand if necessary).

Personal Details

1.	Name	
2.	Address	
3.	Ward where you live	
4.	Date of birth	
5.	Home telephone number	
6.	Mobile telephone number	
7.	Email address	
8.	First language	
9.	Other languages spoken (please indicate level)	

Political Affiliation

10.	Party membership number Date of renewal	
11.	How long have you been a party member?	
12.	Have you ever been a member of another party, if so which one and when?	
13.	What made you join the Liberal Democrats?	

Liberal Democrat Involvement

14.	Are you seeking approval to stand in a target ward? Or do you want to be approved to stand in a non-target ward only?	
15.	Is there a particular ward in which you would like to stand? If so, which one?	
16.	What would you hope to achieve if elected?	
17.	Which offices have you held within the Liberal Democrats? (if any)	
18.	Have you stood in any previous elections? If so, which ones?	
19.	What experience do you have of campaigning within the party?	
20.	Have you read the party manifesto and/or any policy documents? Please state which.	
21.	Which Liberal Democrat policies do you disagree with?	

Campaigning Skills and Availability

22.	How much time can you commit to campaigning if selected?	
23.	How much time would you be able to commit to your council duties if elected?	
24.	Would you require any additional support to campaign or function as a councillor (Eg due to a disability)	
25.	Are you willing to undertake appropriate training to improve your campaigning skills?	
26.	Are you willing to undertake appropriate training to improve your skills if elected as a councillor?	
27.	Are you willing to campaign for the Liberal Democrats in Westminster, London and European elections?	

Employment and Voluntary Work

28.	Please outline your current employment / voluntary work / caring responsibilities, stating the key skills you employ in these settings.	
29.	Is your job politically restricted?	
30.	Would your job or personal circumstances make it difficult to find time to campaign or function as a councillor?	
31.	Please list any national or local bodies where you hold positions of responsibility. (eg Trade unions, community groups, faith organisations, school governorships, residents' associations etc)	
32.	Please list any public offices held (outside of politics).	
33.	Please state any experience you have of campaigning in a non-political context.	
34.	Are there any areas where you hold particular expertise (eg commerce, education, etc)	
35.	How would you describe your skills in IT? Are you confident in the use of email and Word?	

Hobbies and interests

36.	What are your main hobbies?	
37.	Which news media do you read / watch or listen to?	
38.	Is there anything else you would like the approvals team to know about you?	

Qualification to Stand

39.	<p>Qualification to stand Part 1</p> <p><i>Please confirm that you are qualified to stand in respect of your citizenship by ticking the appropriate statement</i></p>	<p>I AM:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a British subject</p> <p>IF NOT, THEN I AM</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a Commonwealth citizen</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a Citizen of the Republic of Ireland</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a Citizen of the European Union</p>
40.	<p>Qualification to stand Part 2</p> <p><i>Please confirm that you are qualified to stand in respect of your links with the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames by ticking the appropriate statement</i></p>	<p>I AM</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> on the electoral register for the Royal Borough</p> <p>IF NOT, THEN I AM</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the owner or tenant of land within the borough for at least 12 months</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> employed at my principal or only place of work within the borough for at least 12 months</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> resident within the borough</p>
41.	<p>Qualification to stand Part 3</p> <p>I confirm that I am not disqualified from standing as a candidate for any of these reasons</p> <hr/> <p>Signature</p>	<p>You are barred from standing if any of these reasons apply:</p> <p>Bankruptcy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ anyone who has been judged bankrupt or who has made an arrangement with their creditors is disqualified from standing until they are discharged. <p>Imprisonment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ anyone convicted of a crime within the last five years who has a sentence passed of more than three months is disqualified. <p>Employees of local councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ employees cannot stand for election to the council that employs them; nor can employees of other councils in a 'Politically Restricted Post'. <p>Surcharge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ people who have been surcharged by a District Auditor to an amount of more than £500 within 5 years of polling day are disqualified. <p>Corrupt and illegal practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ people who have been guilty of corrupt or illegal practices under the Representation of the People Act are disqualified from being a candidate.

Political life

42.	Are there any matters in your present or past, which might cause political embarrassment if they became known?	
43.	As a campaigner, are you prepared to abide by the National Code of Conduct for campaigners? (Copy attached).	
44.	Are you prepared to accept the procedure for the selection of Council Candidates?	Go to www.kingstonlibdems.org/constitution to download Kingston Borough party's constitution. See Section 9.
45.	If elected, are you prepared to abide by the Member Code of Conduct and declare any interests you may have?	You can read the Member Code of Conduct at www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200267/councillors/668/be_a_councillor/5
46.	If elected, will you accept the Standing Orders of the Liberal Democrat Council Group, including the group subscription? (Copy attached).	
47.	Are there any questions you wish to ask the panel?	
48.	Names and contact details of two Liberal Democrat members who are willing to give you a reference if required. Note that you may delay this if new.	

Declaration

I declare that all the information on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please note: the Executive Committee of Kingston Borough Liberal Democrats reserves the right to withdraw approval if your circumstances (as described above) change, or are subsequently found not to be as described above.

*Please fill in your answers in the boxes (which will expand if necessary).
Email the completed form to mary@maryreid.org.uk at least 48 hours before your approval interview.
Print the form and sign it.
Bring the completed signed form to the approval interview.*

If you have any questions about this form, please phone Mary Reid on 020 8397 1396