**SWANSEA & GOWER LIB DEMS**  
**Application for approval and selection as a council candidate.**

There are 2 stages to becoming a Liberal Democrat candidate for the Swansea Council elections in May 2022:

1. **Approval** – this will consist of a short (and informal) interview with a panel of local party members. This is not a ‘test’ just a part of our due diligence.
2. **Selection** – this consists of the Local Party executive deciding that you will be the candidate for a particular ward. For non-target seats, this is mostly a formality.

***To apply*** *please complete the below form and return to* [*matt.palmer09@btinternet.com*](mailto:matt.palmer09@btinternet.com) *or post to Matthew Palmer, 23 Elba Street, Gowerton, SA4 3EE*

Note that once you have been **selected** as a Lib Dem candidate, you will also have to be officially **nominated** as a candidate by 10 electors in the ward in which you stand. You will be assigned a Lib Dem **Agent** who will help you with this and other legal formalities to do with the election, as well as with any campaigning that you wish to do.

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| 1 | Full Name |  |
| 2 | Address |  |
| 3 | Date of Birth |  |
| 4 | Telephone numbers |  |
| 5 | E-mail address |  |
| 6 | Web address / Twitter handle (if applicable) |  |
| 7 | Party Membership No. |  |
| 8 | How long have you been a member of the Liberal Democrats? |  |
| 9 | Have you ever been a member of another political party? If so, please give details |  |
| 10 | Which ward do you want to stand in? |  |
| 11 | Are you prepared to accept the group’s mentoring if selected and if elected as a councillor? |  |
| 12 | Are you prepared to support other Liberal Democrats in all public elections? |  |
| 13 | Qualification to stand Part I  Please confirm that you qualified to stand in respect of your citizenship | *Please indicate all that apply*:  British citizen ❑  Commonwealth citizen ❑  Citizen of the Republic of Ireland ❑  Citizen of any other European Union member state ❑ |
| 14 | Qualification to stand Part II  Please confirm that you are qualified to stand in respect of your links with the City & County of Swansea | *Please indicate all that apply:*  Registered as a local government elector in the City & County of Swansea ❑  Owner or tenant of land within the City & County of Swansea (for the whole preceding 12 months) ❑  Principal or only place of work within the City & County of Swansea (for the whole preceding 12 months) ❑  Resident within the City & County of Swansea ❑ |
| 15 | Qualification to stand Part III  Please confirm you are not barred from standing due to any of these reasons: | Bankruptcy❑  *Anyone who has been adjudged bankrupt or who has made an arrangement with their creditors is disqualified from standing until they are discharged.*  Imprisonment ❑  *Anyone convicted of a crime within the last five years who has a sentence passed of more than three months is disqualified.*  Surcharge ❑  *People who have been surcharged by a District Auditor to an amount of more than £500 within 5 years of polling day are disqualified.*  Corrupt and illegal practices ❑  *People who have been guilty of corrupt or illegal practices under the Representation of the People Act are disqualified from being a candidate.*  **I confirm I am not barred from standing due to any of these reasons** ❑  *Also be aware that if you are elected as a Councillor then you cannot also be an employee of the same Local Authority (including indirectly such as in a school of fire department). You can stand for election but you would have to resign your job if elected. It is OK to be employed by a different Local Authority.* |
| 16 | Do you have any unspent criminal convictions? If so please give full details. |  |
| 17 | Are there any matters, which might cause political embarrassment if they became known? (this may include spent criminal convictions) |  |
| 18 | If selected as a candidate for a Ward are you prepared to acquire the signatures of 10 local residents supporting your nomination? |  |

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Please note: the Candidate Approval Panel reserves the right to withdraw approval if your circumstances (as described above) change, or are subsequently found not to be as described above.***

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