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East Riding & Northern Lincolnshire
Local Councils Association

CO-OPTION EXPLANATORY NOTES

In a situation where, in an election year, there have been insufficient nominations received by a member council or, at another time, a casual vacancy has been created and the principal authority has confirmed that a poll has not been claimed, a member council can then co-opt to fill the vacancy or vacancies.

Initially, a candidate for co-option must be a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or a relevant citizen of the European Union and has attained the age of eighteen years.

A candidate must also meet the same qualification criteria as a nominated candidate, as laid out in the Local Government Act 1972, section 79. Equally a candidate will be disqualified from being able to be co-opted if they are covered by the criteria laid out in section 80 of the 1972 Act.

It is the responsibility of the candidate seeking co-option to ensure their eligibility for office.

It is for each council to decide if it wishes candidates for co-option to provide some information about themselves, such as their interests and why they want to be a councillor. Candidates are likely to be asked to attend a council meeting and may be interviewed or asked to address the existing members of the council. Councillors will then be asked to vote and a successful candidate must achieve a majority of votes cast. Please note that the vote is taken in public.

Successful candidates will hold office until the next ordinary elections (held every four years).

In an election year, co-options cannot be undertaken at the Annual Council Meeting but councils should, at that meeting, agree the process to be used to seek co-opted councillors.

Overleaf is a formal application to be considered for co-option together with a declaration made by the applicant as to their eligibility to hold office.

APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION

Name of Council	
Candidate's name (as it appears on the Electoral Roll)	
Address	
Electoral Roll number	
If not on the Electoral Roll, explain the qualification criterion on which you are relying to seek co-option, those are:	
A Principal area of work is in the parish (give details)	
B Have resided in the parish for the whole of the preceding twelve months (provide details)	
C Have resided within three miles of the parish for the whole of the preceding twelve months (provide address of residence)	

Declaration

I confirm that I wish to be considered for co-option to the above named council and declare that the information given by me above is true.

Signature _____

Date _____

Issued by:

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