**Section 1 - Personal details**

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| Full name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Date of birth: |  |
| Mobile number: |  |
| Home telephone: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Facebook profile: |  |
| Twitter: |  |

**Section 2 - The Liberal Democrats**

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| Party membership number |  |
| Local party |  |
| How long have you been a party member?: |  |
| Have you ever been a member of another political party? (If yes, please give further details)  |  |

**Section 3 - Standing in this election**

Which type of seat are you seeking approval for?

Target Development Paperless

*(Paperless candidates should only fill in sections 1,2,3, 7, 8 and 9)*

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| Which ward/s are you interested in (if any)? |  |
| Have you held office within the Liberal Democrats (if so, what)? |  |
| Have you stood for election to public office before (if so, when and where)?  |  |

**Section 4 - Your experience and views**

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| Do you currently hold public or elected office, or have you done so in the past (please give details)?  |
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| What would you hope to achieve on the council?  |
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| What campaigning experience, community activity or other experience you fell may be relevant do you have - In the Liberal Democrats and/or outside the party?  |
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| Are there any areas of Liberal Democrat policy with which you disagree, and, if so, why?  |
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**Section 5 - Campaigning as a candidate**

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| Does your current lifestyle (job, home and other commitments, health) allow you to meet the requirements in the job description and in the candidate agreement (attached)? If not, what adjustments would you need us to make to help you?  |
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| Are there any other adjustments that you would require to enable you to be a candidate or a councillor?  |
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**Section 6 - Your skills**

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| Are there any areas of policy on which you feel particularly qualified to speak?  |  |
| How would you describe your: - IT skills?  |  |
| Personal communication skills? |  |
| Are you happy to communicate by email? | Yes� No� |
| Are you happy to communicate using online video conferencing and communication apps? | Yes� No�  |
| Are you willing to undertake training to improve your skills as: | A councillor � A candidate � |

**Section 7 - If elected**

*The Liberal Democrats have group standing orders for council groups, a copy of which has been provided in this pack. The Liberal Democrats also require their councillor to contribute an agreed portion of their councillor’s allowance to the party, as detailed in the contribution policy included. Liberal Democrat councillors are also expected to support their colleague*s

**Please confirm**

I have read the standing orders and I accept them, including.

The clause on supporting the group line �
I agree to abide by the councillor contribution policy �
I agree to support other Liberal Democrats standing for election �

This form remains confidential and will be used for approval purposes. The form will be securely kept by the approval coordinator for the four-year length of approval and then securely destroyed. That storage may be electronic.

The panel reserves the right to withdraw approval if your circumstances described in this form change or are subsequently found not to be as described herein.

*The Liberal Democrats will use any personal data we collect for the purpose it was collected following our privacy policy at: libdems.org.uk/privacy. To exercise your legal data rights, email: data.protection@libdems.org.uk.*

**Section 8 -Qualification to stand for election**

*If you need help with this section, please ask. It concerns the legal qualifications to stand in a local election. The council area means the area of the council for which you are applying to stand.*

*Please indicate all that apply:*

British citizen �
Commonwealth citizen �
Citizen of the Republic of Ireland �
Citizen of any other European Union member state �

*Please indicate all that apply:*

Registered as a local government elector in the council area �
Owner or tenant of land within the council area (for the whole preceding 12 months) � Principal or only place of work is in the council area (for the whole preceding 12 months) � Resident within is in the council area (for the whole preceding 12 months) �

*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.

**Employees of local councils** - Employees cannot stand for election to the council that employs them; nor can employees of other councils who work in a ‘Politically Restricted Post’.

**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** �

**Section 9 - Full disclosure**

*Any details given will remain completely confidential within the approval process. Disclosure may not prevent approval but non-disclosure of an issue which later becomes known could lead to cancellation of approval.*

Are there any matters, which might cause political embarrassment if they became known?

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

**Signed Date**