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**Application for inclusion to the list of Approved Candidates for elections to Kent County Council.**

*Please return to* [*info@fhld.uk*](mailto:info@fhld.uk) *or post to 98a Sandgate High Street, Folkestone CT20 3BY*

Please feel free to attach additional sheets to provide full and comprehensive information on any of the points raised. If handwriting responses, please write as clearly as possible.

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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 |  |
| 7 | Party Membership No. & renewal date |  |
| 8 | Name of Local Party |  |
| 9 | How long have you been a member of the Liberal Democrats? |  |
| 10 | Have you ever been a member of another political party? If so, please give details |  |
| 11 | Would you prefer any particular division or area? |  |
| 12 | What would you hope to achieve on the Council? |  |
| 13 | Offices held (if any) within the Liberal Democrats, at all levels. |  |
| 14 | Previous elections in which you have been a candidate. |  |
| 15 | Please state your campaigning experience in the Liberal Democrats. |  |
| 16 | Other non-political / other party campaigning experience. |  |
| 17 | Which policies of the Liberal Democrats do you find most attractive? Please state why. |  |
| 18 | Please name at least one Liberal Democrat policy you disagree with, and state why! |  |
| 19 | Other national and local bodies of which you are a member (e.g. Trade Union, Community Group, School Governor, Local Residents, Mosque, Freemasons, National Trust etc.). |  |
| 20 | Other elected or appointed public offices held. |  |
| 21 | Other interests outside politics. |  |
| 22 | Are there any subjects in which you have particular knowledge and/or expertise? |  |
| 23 | Present job & place of employment or any caring responsibilities etc. |  |
| 24 | Would your job or your personal circumstances make it difficult for you to campaign between now and the election? If so, please state why. |  |
| 25 | Would your job or your personal circumstances make it difficult for you to fulfil your duties as a councillor?  If so, please state why |  |
| 26 | On average how much time can you commit to working in a division if you are selected (in hours per week)? |  |
| 27 | On average how much time can you commit to your council duties if elected (in hours per week)? |  |
| 28 | Do you require any additional support or help to perform your duties during the campaign and as a councillor? (i.e. literacy/numeracy, any disability, other?) |  |
| 29 | How would you describe your communications skills? (i.e. poor, fair, good, excellent) Please state why |  |
| 30 | How would you describe your IT skills (i.e. email, basic word processing etc.)? What software packages are you familiar with? Please list. |  |
| 31 | Are you willing to undertake training to improve your campaign skills? |  |
| 32 | Are you willing to undertake training to improve your skills if elected as a councillor? |  |
| 33 | If elected, are you prepared to abide by the Group Standing Orders INCLUDING on paying a “tithe” of a 10% of any council allowances payable towards campaigning activity in the County? \*  \* Where giving a contribution would cause financial hardship, a reduced rate can be agreed by the Group Treasurer. |  |
| 34 | Are you prepared to support other Liberal Democrats in all public elections? |  |
| 35 | 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  |
| 36 | Qualification to stand Part II  Please confirm that you are qualified to stand in respect of your links within Folkestone & Hythe District | *Please indicate all that apply:*  Registered as a local government elector in F&H district   Owner or tenant of land within F&H district (for the whole preceding 12 months)   Principal or only place of work within F&H district (for the whole preceding 12 months)   Resident within the district  |
| 37 | 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.*  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**  |
| 38 | Have you EVER had any criminal convictions, including spent ones? If so please give full details. |  |
| 39 | Are there any matters, which might cause political embarrassment if they became known? |  |
| 40 | If selected as a candidate for a Division are you prepared to acquire the signatures of 2 local residents to support your nomination? |  |
| 41 | Are there any questions you wish to ask the panel? |  |
| 42 | Names and contact details of two Liberal Democrat members who are willing to give you a reference if required. | **Referee 1** |
|  |  | **Referee 2** |

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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