



NOTICE OF CO-OPTION

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

CO-OPTION OF TWO TOWN COUNCILLORS

1. The Town Council are seeking candidates to fill two vacant councillor seats.
2. Currently the Town Council has a vacant seat in both the West Ward and the Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobblers Hall Ward.
3. Anyone interested in becoming a Town Councillor for either of the available wards should complete an 'Application for Co-Option Form' which is available from the Town Council.
4. The application form requires applicants to confirm that they meet the eligibility criteria for becoming a councillor and to provide details of their background, knowledge and experience.
5. Please see the Council's website and read the Council's Co-Option Policy for information on the criteria and process for becoming a co-opted councillor.
6. The **closing date** for applications is midnight **Monday 13th April 2026**.
7. Candidates will be invited to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on **Wednesday 29th April at 7.00pm**, where they will have the opportunity to introduce themselves, give information on their background and experience and why they wish to become a member of the Council.
8. The Council will appraise the applications and vote on the candidates at this meeting, with appointments of the co-opted candidates confirmed in writing following the meeting.
9. Please note that co-opted members are not eligible to claim the Basic Members' Allowance.
10. Application forms and further details are available from:

The Town Council's website:

www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/council-democracy/councillors/co-option/

or the Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF

Email: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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Date of this Notice:

Monday 16th March 2026