



## NOTICE OF CO-OPTION

### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

### CO-OPTION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR

1. The Town Council are seeking a candidate to fill a vacant councillor seat.
2. Currently the Town Council has a vacant seat in the Woodham Ward.
3. Anyone interested in becoming a Town Councillor 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 **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**.
7. Candidates will be invited to attend the Meeting of the Council on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 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 appointment of the co-opted candidate 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/](http://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](mailto:info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk)*

*Telephone: 01325 300700*

**Date of this Notice:**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026**