

APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION

Introduction

The Town Council has received an application for co-option in accordance with its co-option procedure which is attached to this report. The candidate has confirmed his attendance at the meeting.

Application

The applicant confirmed that he is eligible to stand as a councillor.

The Council's co-option procedure requests responses to three questions which are set out below:

a) Why would you like to become a Cranbrook Town Councillor?

To resume the community involvement during my time as a councillor from December 2017 to September 2023.

b) What skills and experience do you bring which would help the Council to achieve outcomes, and what barriers do you think may need to be overcome?

Having previously spent almost six years as a Cranbrook Town Council councillor, I believe I have the experience to help the council achieve outcomes. Whilst acknowledging that not all those that I had considered whilst a councillor were necessarily accomplished, I believe those years as a councillor enhanced my relationship skills, particularly when considering the needs and aspirations of a disparate community; and added to my organisational ability gleaned from my 40 years in international business.

c) What would you want to see the Council achieve in the next three years, and how can Cranbrook Town Council be different from other councils?

I would wish the council to continue to be economically effective with the intention of reducing the costs to Cranbrook's homeowners, whilst still providing the necessary facilities to enhance the quality of life for all our residents. To that end, I would wish to see our citizens take responsibility for the environment which they co-habit with the entire community. Cranbrook continues to expand – but also needs to grow – with better and accessible facilities being key to creating a town with a strong positive sense of owning change.