



Could you be a Town Councillor?

Following the May 2023 elections, a vacancy has arisen in the North Ward for Thame Town Council.

The vacancy will be filled by co-option – this means anyone who meets the criteria (see below) can apply to be a councillor on Thame Town Council. The existing councillors will consider the applications and vote to elect the new Councillor at a Full Council meeting. The successful candidate will serve for the remaining term of office, until May 2027.

The Role

Town Councillors have a duty to represent all local people and their interests, especially when making decisions at council and committee meetings. These meetings (held most Tuesdays) are open to the public. Councillors should engage with the community to understand their views.

An effective councillor is not a soft option. It requires considerable skills and effort. The reward is to see the benefit to the community through the policies and actions of the council.

Why be a Town Councillor?

- Represent residents, local groups, and businesses.
- Decide on which projects, functions, events, and services the Town Council delivers.
- Improve the town and its community.
- Influence council policies.

Who can be a Councillor on Thame Town Council?

- You must be a British or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union.
- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You must be registered to vote in the area OR have lived, worked, or owned property there for at least 12 months before an election. Applicants can live in the North or South Ward.

For more information, please visit our website:

<https://www.thametowncouncil.gov.uk/become-a-town-councillor>.

How to apply

If you would like to apply to be a Town Councillor, please send a letter of application to the Town Clerk by **4pm on Tuesday 6 June 2023**. You may wish to include (see also Guidance Notes online):

- Your connection to Thame,
- Why you want to be a Town Councillor,
- What skills and experience you can bring to the Council.

Applications will be considered at a Full Council meeting on Tuesday 13 June 2023. Guidance notes to assist with your application and a job description are available on the Town Council's website <https://www.thametowncouncil.gov.uk/become-a-town-councillor> or from the Town Hall.