



## Co-Option Criteria- Stoodley Ward

**Name of Local Council:** Todmorden Town Council  
**Description of Office:** Todmorden Town Councillor

Competency	Beneficial
<b><i>Relevant knowledge, Education, Professional Qualifications &amp; Training</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sound knowledge and understanding of local affairs and the local community.</li></ul>
<b><i>Experience, Skills, Knowledge and Ability</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solid interest in local matters.</li><li>• Ability and willingness to represent the Council and their community.</li><li>• Good interpersonal skills.</li><li>• Ability to communicate clearly both orally and in writing.</li><li>• Ability and willingness to work closely with other members and to maintain good working relationships with all members and staff.</li><li>• Good reading and analytic skills.</li><li>• Ability and willingness to work with the council's partners (e.g. voluntary groups, other parish councils, principal authority, charities).</li><li>• Ability and willingness to undertake relevant training.</li><li>• Experience of working with voluntary and or local community/interestgroups.</li></ul>
<b><i>Other requirements</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ability and willingness to attend meetings of the council (or the meetings of other local authorities and local bodies) in the evening and events in the evening and at weekends.</li><li>• Flexible</li><li>• Enthusiastic</li></ul>



## Co-Option Eligibility Form- Stoodley Ward

### Section 79 Of The Local Government Act 1972

- Are you a British subject or citizen of the Commonwealth or citizen of the European Union **YES**
- As at the time of application are you 18 years of age or over? **YES**

#### PLEASE TICK THOSE BELOW WHICH APPLY TO YOU

- ✓ I am registered as a local government elector for the town of Todmorden; or
- ✓ I have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of my co-option, occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the town of Todmorden; or
- ✓ My principal or only place of work has, during the whole twelve months preceding my co-option, been in the town of Todmorden; or
- ✓ I have during the whole of twelve months preceding my co-option lived in the town of Todmorden or within 3 miles of it.

Under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 a person is **disqualified** from being elected as a Local Councillor or being a member of a Local Council if specific criteria are not met:

- Are you an employee of Todmorden Town Council? **NO**
- Are you the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order? **NO**
- Have you within the last five years been convicted of an offence in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man which resulted in a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of three months or more without the option of a fine; **NO**
- Are you disqualified by order of a court from being a member of a local authority? **NO**

#### DECLARATION

I, **Nikki Stocks**, hereby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of Todmorden Town Councillor, and the information given on this form is a true and accurate record.

Signed: *Nikki Stocks*

Print: **Nikki Stocks**

Date: **5/10/2020**

## Appendix C



### Todmorden Town Council – Stoodley Ward Co-Option Application Form

<b>Name</b>	Nikki Stocks
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Telephone Number</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<p><b>Please tell us something about what experience you can bring to Todmorden Town Council, for example; previous local government experience, work in the voluntary or charitable sector, business or trade union experience (please continue on an additional page if required).</b></p> <p><b>When considering this you may wish to refer the preferred and desirable criteria in Appendix A.</b></p>	
<p><i>The only management that I have any experience in is in the bakery where I was in charge of the morning goods and cakes department which included wedding and celebration cakes and their decoration in a bakehouse that supplied its own four individual shops.</i></p> <p><i>I also looked after children and young people and managed to keep them out of trouble. Unfortunately, I never worked for local government charitable sector or a trade union</i></p>	

**Please tell us something about skills you can bring to the Council, for example; professional qualifications, financial or project management expertise (please continue on an additional page if required).**

*I have a good knowledge of the local area and community. There are people who can't or feel they can't ask for help I have always talked to my neighbours and they always feel that they can knock at my door or chat*

*I know with help from others that I've been one of the voices that have and will continue to represent my immediate community when it has come to flooding and fly-tipping I must add without the help of Todmorden Town Council the situation wouldn't have improved.*

*There are plenty of injustices and life is going to get harder the situation can be improved if everyone works together.*

*My highest form of education is are city and guilds in bakery and food technology, Certificate from the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.*

*I was an active Scout Leader and undertook and passed the wood badge which I'm very proud of giving me the ability to run the Beaver Scouts and assist in running the Cub Scout.*

*My management skills are all life learnt I did do a basic bookkeeping course to help me cope with my finances.*

*John Hopkins Uni course Psychological First Aid which I passed that then lead me on to studying Mental Health Awareness level 2 certificate the college has now offered me a place on the counselling course.*

*I'm open about my mental health and have and want a better understanding not only for my benefit but for others around me as we all live in a flood zone we experience the same mental traumas.*

*Early this year I was asked to sit on the inclusion panel for Tod Town Deal one of the reasons for this is my understanding of accessibility for everyone and the work the steering group did for the disability access for the railway station.*

*My last years of work were helping to manage the local market fruit and veg stall, I loved meeting people from different walks of life and chatting about how it used to be Having been involved in the communities' anti-flooding campaign that has led me to have a limited understanding of flood risk assessments. This interest has seen me attend a few Flood Expo's seeing the improvement in building techniques and resilient and resistance products for flooding applications.*

*Flooding and climate change go hand in hand and I have been looking into water power.*

*Ways of cleaning up the environment that we live in and using waste to power lights*

**Please explain why you are interested in becoming a Town Councillor**

*A resident of Todmorden since 1988, I landed here and immediately I felt and home after a life of*

*never-ending moving from Africa to Yorkshire.*

*Brought up in Africa my dad was a Methodist missionary and my mum a nurse at the local mission hospital this is where I learnt about Ubuntu and have tried to incorporate into my life whenever possible.*

*Although I'm not an expert in anything, I do have life experience. I respect and love the community that I live in and know how flooding affects people and want to find better ways of helping flood victims I've been attending the Town Council meetings for years as a voice for the community of Roomfield.*

*When problems have arisen we have had the ability to attend the Council meetings, because without the pressure from Todmorden Town Council the community would not have been listened to and problems couldn't be solved.*

*It's time for me to give a little back.*

*I've been encouraged by the neighbours to apply to become a member of the Council some have even offered to write a letter of recommendation.*

**Please include any other information you would like to add in support of your application? (please continue on an additional page if required)**

*Involvement in the communities' anti-flooding campaign has led me to have a limited understanding of flood risk assessments, (or as I was told by Liverpool John Mores Uni I have a great understanding) the Environment Agency regulations with the construction of new developments and flood risk zoning.*

*My interest in flooding has led to me attending a few Flood Expos, seeing the improvement in building techniques and resilient and resistance products for flooding applications since 2015 has been incredible. The council could and should be including these in the planning comments if developers coming into the community could understand the problems and not want to add to them.*

*I would like the chance to invite some of the contacts including live demos from Liverpool and Hull Uni's to attend the meetings and introduce new flood prevention products.*

*Flooding and climate change are connected and with this in mind.*

*Once the valley's industry was powered by water. I would like to encourage the Climate Change College to investigate the possibility of using new technology in water power.*

*I want to seek out new ways of cleaning up the environment that we live in and get the Town Council to push for them.*

*In the 1990s the schools were encouraged to start with an anti-litter campaign with a posters design competition engaging with the schools and young people should be a priority the Town will be theirs The promotion of green ideas for example solar panels and water storage on all new builds. I understand that TYC is only a consultation body and nothing can be insisted on but Calderdale is trying to get to net zero and not to forget dog poo waste to power lights.*

*Local community waste recycling bins that are close to people's homes*

**Are there any questions you would like to ask the Town Council?**

*I don't at present.*

*I understand that there's a commitment that needs to go into being a town councillor.*

*I know the members of the council and know that I will get the support and training that I need.*

**Signed:**        *Nikki Stocks*

**Print:**         **Nikki Stocks**

**Date:**         **5/10/20202**