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Application to stand as a Liberal Democrat candidate for the:

West Kent Unitary Authority s and/or Maidstone Town Council

Delete one if you don't want to stand in both.

Email maidstonelibdems@gmail.com or ring 07808911612 for more details

or to be sent a Word version of this form.

No	Question	Answer
1	Full Name	
2	Address	
3	Date of Birth	
4	Telephone numbers	Home: Mobile:
5	E-mail address	
6	Web address / Twitter handle/Instagram / facebook etc:	
7	Party Membership No. & renewal date	
8	Name of Local Party	
9	How long have you been a member of the Liberal Democrats?	
10	Have you ever been a member of another political party? If so, please give details	

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11	Would you prefer any particular ward/division or area?	Maidstone Town Council: Kent County Division:
12a	What would you hope to achieve as Unitary Authority Councillor?	
12b	What would you hope to achieve as a Maidstone Town Councillor?	
13	Offices held (if any) within the Liberal Democrats, at all levels	
14	Previous elections in which you have been a candidate	
15	What campaigning experience do you have with the Liberal Democrats?	
16	Other non-political campaigning experience?	
17	Which policies of the Liberal Democrats do you find most attractive? Please say why	
18	Name at least one Liberal Democrat policy you disagree with, and say why	
19	Other national and local bodies of which you are a	

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	member (e.g. Trade Union, Community Group, School Governor, Local Residents, Mosque, Church, National Trust etc.).	
20	Other elected or appointed public offices held	
21	Other interests outside politics	
22	Are there any subjects in which you have particular expertise?	
23	Which news media do you regularly read, watch or listen to?	
24	Present occupation & place of employment or any caring responsibilities etc.	
25	Would your occupation or your personal circumstances make it difficult for you to campaign between now and the election? If so, please give details	
26	Would your occupation or your personal circumstances make it difficult for you to fulfil your duties as a councillor? If so, please give details	

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27	How much time can you commit to working in a division if you are selected?	
28	How much time would you have available for your council duties if elected?	
29	Do you need any additional support or help to perform your duties during the campaign and as a councillor? (e.g. literacy/numeracy, any disability, other?)	
30	How would you describe your communications skills? (i.e. poor, fair, good, excellent) Please state why	
31	How would you describe your IT skills (i.e. email, basic word processing etc.)? What software packages are you familiar with?	
32	Are you willing to undertake any necessary training to improve your IT skills (to be able to run an effective campaign, communicate with your colleagues and be an effective councillor)?	

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33	Are you willing to undertake training to improve your campaign skills?	
34	Are you willing to undertake training to improve your skills if elected as a councillor?	
35	Are you prepared to accept the group's mentoring and 'buddy system' if selected and if elected as a councillor? <i>(optional for existing councillors of any type)</i>	
36	Do you commit to support other Liberal Democrats in all public elections?	
37	Qualification to stand Part I: Please confirm that you are qualified to stand in respect of age and your citizenship	<p><i>Please indicate all that apply:</i></p> <p>You are over 18 years of age Yes/No</p> <p>British citizen Yes/No</p> <p>Commonwealth citizen Yes/No</p> <p>Citizen of the European Union Yes/No</p>
38a	Qualification to stand Part II: Please confirm that you are qualified to stand in respect of your links with the West Kent unitary	<p><i>Please indicate all that apply:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registered as a local government elector in West Kent Yes/No ● Owner or tenant of land within West Kent (for the whole preceding 12 months) Yes/No ; if Yes, please state address(es)

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	authority area (i.e. existing Tonbridge & Malling, Sevenoaks, Maidstone, and Tunbridge Wells council areas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Principal or only place of work within West Kent (for the whole preceding 12 months) Yes/No ; if Yes, please state address(es) ● Resident within West Kent? Yes/No ; if Yes, please state address(es)
38b	Qualification to stand Part II: Please confirm that you are qualified to stand in respect of your links with Maidstone Town Council	<p><i>Please indicate all that apply:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registered as a local government elector in Maidstone Town Council or live within 3 miles Yes/No ● Owner or tenant of land within Maidstone Town Council (for the whole preceding 12 months) Yes/No ; if Yes, please state address(es) ● Principal or only place of work within Maidstone Town Council (for the whole preceding 12 months) Yes/No ; if Yes, please state address(es) ● Resident within Maidstone Town Council? Yes/No ; if Yes, please state address(es)
39	Qualification to stand Part III: If you answer Yes to any of these questions you cannot stand for election.	<p><i>Please delete as appropriate:</i></p> <p>Bankruptcy Yes/No <i>Anyone who has been adjudged bankrupt or who has made an arrangement with their creditors is disqualified from standing until they are discharged.</i></p> <p>Imprisonment Yes/No <i>Anyone convicted of a crime within the last five years who has a sentence passed of more than three months is disqualified.</i></p> <p>Employees of local councils Yes/No <i>Employees cannot stand for election to the council that employs them; nor can employees of other councils who work in a 'Politically Restricted Post'.</i></p>

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		<p>Surcharge Yes/No <i>People who have been surcharged by a District Auditor to an amount of more than £500 within 5 years of polling day are disqualified.</i></p> <p>Corrupt and illegal practices Yes/No <i>People who have been guilty of corrupt or illegal practices under the Representation of the People Act 2000 are disqualified from being a candidate.</i></p> <p><i>You are currently subject to a ruling under Part III, of the Local Government Act 2000</i> Yes/No</p> <p>I confirm I am not barred from standing due to any of these reasons. YES/NO</p>
40	Have you EVER had any criminal convictions (excluding minor motoring offences), including spent ones? If so please give full details	
41	Are there any matters, which might cause political embarrassment if they became known?	
42	If selected as a candidate for a division, can you acquire the signatures of two local residents supporting your nomination?	

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44	<p>If elected, you will you commit to pay a levy from your elected councillor's allowances, <i>if paid*</i> to help fund Liberal Democrat Local Party activities. (Since 2011 it has been agreed at Regional & County level that this levy should stand at 10% of gross allowances.)</p> <p><i>*It has not been decided whether MTC will pay any allowances since it has not yet been formed.</i></p>	Yes/No
45	<p>For serving/previous councillors only: Please outline your achievements in your role as a councillor and provide a record of your attendance at full council and council committee meetings.</p>	
46	<p>Are there any questions you wish to ask the panel?</p>	
	<p>Names and contact details of two Liberal Democrat members who are willing to give you a reference if required (not a family member)</p> <p><u>(Referees are only required for Unitary Authority Applications)</u></p>	<p>Referee 1</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone no:</p> <p>Email:</p>

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		<p>Referee 2 Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone no:</p> <p>Email:</p>
	Date of completion of form	

Please email the completed form to maidstonelibdems@gmail.com or send/give to the:

Maidstone Liberal Democrats - Elections Officer – Chris Passmore
 c/o Scrases, Rectory Lane, Barming, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 9NE

If you have any questions, please either email: maidstonelibdems@gmail.com
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If you return this form the Liberal Democrats and their elected representatives may use the information you've given to contact you. By providing your data to us, you are consenting to us making contact with you in the future by mail, email, telephone, text, website and apps, even though you may be registered with the Telephone Preference Service. You can always opt out of communications at any time by contacting us or visiting www.libdems.org.uk/optout for more information go to www.libdems.org.uk/privacy.