

Northstowe Town Council

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Report for: **Full Council**

Meeting date: **20th December 2022**

Report for agenda item: 188/22-23 - CO-OPTION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR

[Further to resolution at Full Council meeting 22nd November 2022, item 160/22-23(3)]:

- To receive a report with information from the prospective candidates for the vacancy of Town Councillor (attached).
- To receive presentations (max. 2 minutes each) from candidates present at the meeting.
- To vote on co-option for a Councillor, in accordance with the [Town Council's Co-Option Policy](#).
- For the candidate voted in, and if present, to be invited to join the meeting as Town Councillor.

Background

Following the resignation of a former Town Councillor in October 2022, a resolution was passed at the Full Council meeting on 22nd November 2022 (item 160/22-23(3), to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Following promotion of the vacancy, the Town Council received two applications from prospective candidates.

Initial checks have been made on eligibility - based on the information supplied by the applicants - and all are deemed eligible to stand for co-option.

Candidate information

Please note that in the table below the information about prospective candidates is listed;

- In the order the application forms were received;
- With first name and surname only provided; no other personal information is given in this report;
- The text supplied in column 'Profile' is what prospective candidates entered onto the application form in the main 'profile' box – this is where candidates were asked (in a maximum of 300 words) to describe;
 - The reason(s) why they would like to become a Councillor;
 - Details of any skills, knowledge, expertise or life experiences that they think would benefit the Town Council and the Northstowe community; and
 - An indication of the Council's Committees & Working Groups they may see themselves contributing to and/or any External Partnerships they would like to join, to represent the Town Council.

Candidate	Name	Profile
1	Sardar (Niaz)	<p>I had couple of unsuccessful attempt and I am going to apply again as I am very keen to help the community as much as I can.</p> <p>I am a well managed person. I have more than 7 years of management and organisational experience. Currently working in IT based in Addenbrookes hospital.</p> <p>I can be part of any suitable committee if anyone who experienced able direct me.</p>
2	Greef (Daniel)	<p>What is the point of Northstowe if the growing community here isn't at the centre of how decisions are made? We are a diverse, thriving community and I would be honoured to serve on the Town Council. I moved to Northstowe from Cambridge in the summer of 2022 to raise my young family.</p> <p>Even though a more recent resident I first learned of Northstowe in 2015 and visited the area many times over the last 7 years and am very aware of the lessons SCDC has 'learned' from building Cambourne. That is why I want to be part of the Northstowe Town Council, which has in such a short space of time been incredibly active and a strong voice for our community. To make sure development keeps the interests of the community paramount. That construction of our town is sustainable as well as inclusive and that developers meet their section 106 obligations.</p> <p>So far, delivery of community space has been woefully inadequate. I want to be a part of the town council's strong voice to get SCDC moving forward.</p> <p>I run a small bakery and chocolate-making business in Oakington. I would love to use role as Town Councillor to build links with other small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs. With the support of the Town Council I would like to create a Northstowe Small and Medium Enterprise forum. The goal would be to grow the local economy and in the future encourage businesses to base themselves in Northstowe as the commercial centre of the town grows.</p> <p>If selected as a town councillor I would be particularly interested in events, markets, planning and helping local businesses to grow.</p>