



## West Rainton & Leamside Parish Council Co-option to casual vacancies

### Self-certification of meeting statutory requirements

Candidate Name: ALLAN JAMES LANGFORD

Address: [REDACTED]

I declare that I am eligible to become a parish councillor as:

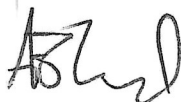
|    | Eligibility Criteria                                                                                                                     | True or False<br>(Please complete) |
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| 1  | I am a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union <b>and</b>                                                | TRUE                               |
| 1A | I am over 18 years of age <b>and:</b>                                                                                                    | TRUE                               |
| 2  | I am a local government elector for the West Rainton and Leamside area <b>or</b>                                                         |                                    |
| 2a | I have occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the West Rainton or Leamside area for at least the last 12 months <b>or</b> |                                    |
| 2b | My principal or only place of work during the last twelve months has been in the area of West Rainton and Leamside <b>or</b>             |                                    |
| 2c | For the last 12 months I have resided in the parish of West Rainton and Leamside or within 3 miles of it                                 | TRUE .                             |

I also declare that I am not disqualified to become a councillor as:

|   | <b>Disqualification Criteria</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>True or False<br/>(Please complete)</b> |
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| 1 | I am not an employee of West Rainton & Leamside Parish Council                                                                                                                                                                 | TRUE                                       |
| 2 | I have not been subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order (section 267 (1)) of the Enterprise Act 2002                                                                                                       | TRUE                                       |
| 3 | I have not been convicted of any offence in the last 5 years resulting in a sentence of at least 3 months ( whether suspended or not) without the option of a fine                                                             | TRUE                                       |
| 4 | *I have not been found guilty of any corrupt or illegal practice in relation to elections or have been responsible for incurring unlawful expenditure in connection with an election and the court ordered my disqualification | TRUE                                       |

\*Please read note below

**Signed:**



**Date:** 31.5.2024,

**This form should be returned to:**

**The Parish Clerk  
West Rainton & Leamside Parish Council  
62 Trevelyan Place Peterlee SR8 2NL**

\*According to the provisions of the Representation of the People Act 1883, various corrupt or illegal practices in relation to legal elections are criminal offences. Corrupt practices include bribery, impersonation, treating and false declaration of election expenses. Illegal practices include illegal payments (eg. for paid canvassers and for payments for the conveyance of voters to and from the poll), illegal broadcasting and improper conduct (eg. the publication of false statements about the conduct or character of a candidate).

It is also an illegal practice to print or publish an election document (eg. a poster or manifesto) which does not bear on its face the words, "printed and published by" together with the name and address of both the printer and the publisher. The "publisher" is the person who is responsible for issuing the document. Printing includes any form of reproduction other than copying by hand.

# Supporting Statement – Allan James Langford

To whom it may concern

I wish to apply to become a parish councillor at West Rainton & Leamside Parish Council.

Please accept this supporting statement as part of my application.

I recently moved to West Rainton from New Lambton and as this will hopefully be my last house move I would therefore like to have the opportunity to become more of a part of the local community and be able to support the local community as a councillor.

I have tried to keep up with local affairs through the regular Village Newsletter and by also trying to attend the monthly village markets and special events. I would like to take the opportunity to become more aware of local issues by becoming a councillor. People are obviously concerned about the impact of the current house building projects taking place; hopefully there will be positive outcomes for the community.

I have worked mostly in education for over 30 years as a teacher, senior leader, data analyst and more recently a systems manager. These various positions have required me to be a leader and manager of people, finances and resources. One project that clearly demonstrates the high level of skills I have was the procurement of funding for a 3G football pitch at a school in west Durham. This required a lot of work and liaison with the local community and the Football Association. It included gaining planning permission for the works to take place and gaining the support of the local community and businesses.

As a senior leader in schools, I have been involved with and led on the deployment of considerable resources and the creation of school budgets involving substantial amounts. Over the years I have been able to both support and challenge people with empathy and good humour whilst ensuring people are still made to be accountable.

I currently work in a school in Durham as a key member of a strong team of staff. As part of this role I have had to deal with very time-dependent tasks on a daily basis as I have been a part of the HR aspect of the administration team. One role I really enjoy doing is that of completing and maintaining the school timetable. Something I have done for many years.

Over the years I have been able to hone my presentation skills and am fully confident of being able to do so as a councillor if need be.

I am very eager to help improve our environment and would enjoy getting involved with any projects linked to that aspect of our community. I can see that there has been a lot of work done over the years to improve our spaces but hopefully I could support this even further.

I am currently reviewing my work life balance as I near retirement. This would hopefully mean I could devote more time to the councillor role. I am particularly interested in seeking more views from the local community as to how we could improve their environment and quality of life in West Rainton & Leamside.

Faithfully yours

Allan J Langford

