**LIBERAL DEMOCRATS UNITARY CANDIDATE APPLICATION  
2026-30**

Liberal Democrats Application form for inclusion in the list of approved candidates for Swindon Borough Council Elections May 2026.

Please complete this form and return to the Swindon Borough Steering Group at 17 St Mary’s Place Chippenham, SN15 1EN or by email to: [Nikki](mailto:Nikki) Pike at [chair@eastwiltslibdems.org.uk](mailto:chair@eastwiltslibdems.org.uk)

**Your Details**

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| 1 | Full Name | Enter your full name |
| 2 | Address | Enter your Address |
| 3 | Postcode | Enter your Postcode |
| 4 | Telephone Number | Enter your Telephone Number |
| 5 | Email Address | Enter your Email Address |

**Party Membership Details**

*If you are unsure, please leave blank.*

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| 6 | Party Membership Number | Enter your Party Membership Number |
| 7 | Party Membership Renewal Date | Enter the date your Membership will be renewed |
| 8 | How long have you been a member of the Liberal Democrats and what attracted you to the Party? | Enter here |
| 9 | Do you disagree with any Liberal Democrat policies nationally or locally, and if so, which? | Enter here |
| 10 | Have you ever been a member of another political party or political group *(give details)*? | Enter here |
| 11 | Offices held *(if any)* within the Party at all levels, past and present. | Enter here |

Previous Experience

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| 12 | Have you served on any Council and if so, what posts did you hold?  *Please specify dates and roles.* | Enter here |
| 13 | Previous elections in which you have stood as a candidate  *(at all levels).* | Enter here |
| 14 | What achievements have you had either as a councillor or in other voluntary or paid roles? | Enter here |
| 15 | Other campaigning not included above *(give examples)* | Enter here |
| 16 | Please detail a campaign you have been involved in. | Enter here |
| 17 | What is your present job? | Enter here |
| 18 | Which Parliamentary Elections, By-elections, or local Council by-elections have you helped in? | Enter here |
| 19 | Other bodies of which you are a member?  *(e.g. Union, Community Group, School Governors, Parish Council)* | Enter here |
| 20 | On what subjects do you consider yourself to be well qualified? | Enter here |

The Campaign and Council Work

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| 21 | How much time can you give to campaigning as a candidate each week, if selected? | Enter here |
| 22 | How much time can you give as a Councillor, if elected? | Enter here |
| 23 | What do you hope to achieve on the Council, if elected? | Enter here |
| 24 | Have you any convictions  *(other than minor offences)*?  If so, please give details, or be prepared to talk about it at interview. | Enter here |
| 25 | Are there any other matters which might cause political embarrassment? | Enter here |

**Memorandum of Understanding and Council Declaration**

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| 26 | Have you signed and will you abide by the Candidates and Councillors Memorandum of Understanding 2025-30 *(Copy attached)* | Yes  No |
| 27 | Are you prepared to fill in and sign the Council’s Declaration of Interest Form and to declare interests at meetings *(including Group meetings)*? | Yes  No |

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| 28 | Are you eligible to stand? | Yes  No |
| **You would be disqualified from standing if;**  You work for Swindon Borough Council, | | |
| or you hold a politically restricted post in another authority,  or you have been declared bankrupt within the last 5 years and have not repaid your debts,  or you have been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to not less than 3 months imprisonment within the last 5 years,  or you have been disqualified under any legislation relating to corrupt or illegal practices,  or you do not possess one of the residential, electoral, property, or employment qualifications for standing. | | |

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| 29 | Do you agree to pay 10% of the gross of all allowances received *(unless otherwise agreed)* to the relevant Lib Dem Local Party account? | Yes  No |
| Councillors agree that the Local Party will decide on how these funds are distributed for campaigning across Swindon. Each constituency shall make an annual budget for the expenditure of the moneys that they hold on behalf of the Councillors. | | |

**I declare that all the answers on this form are correct to the best of my knowledge.**

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| Signed | Sign here |
| Date | Choose the date here |
| Name | Print name here |

Please note the Panel reserves the right to withdraw approval if your circumstances   
(as described above) change.