

PRESS RELEASE



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Saltash Town Council Campaign to Recruit New Essa Ward Town Councillor

Saltash Town Council is seeking a new Town Councillor to represent Essa Ward and is encouraging those with a passion for the Saltash community to apply through the co-option process.

The recruitment campaign will run from 31 August to 25 September 2026, providing an excellent opportunity for individuals who want to make a positive difference in Saltash.

The Town Council is keen to hear from those who are interested in representing their community, championing local issues, and contributing towards the future of the town. No previous experience as a councillor is required, and successful applicants will have access to training, guidance and ongoing support.

The vacancy follows the publication of a Notice of Vacancy for Essa Ward in July 2026 and confirmation from Cornwall Council that no request was received from electors for a by-election to be held within the statutory timeframe. As a result, the vacancy will be filled through a process known as co-option.

Co-option is the method used by councils to fill a vacancy when a by-election is not required. This means there will be no public vote. Instead, eligible applicants are invited to submit an application to the Town Council. Eligible applicants will then be considered by current Town Councillors at the Full Town Council meeting on 1 October 2026.

Becoming a Town Councillor offers a rewarding opportunity to have a direct impact on the local community. Councillors work together to make decisions on a wide range of local matters and help ensure that the views and needs of members of the public are reflected in the work of the Town Council.

The successful applicant will help deliver the Town Council's Strategic Priorities by representing the Saltash community, championing local issues and ensuring community voices are at the heart of decision-making. Applications can be submitted directly to Saltash Town Council, with the [Co-Option Policy and application pack](#) available online or by request from enquiries@saltash.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is 12.00pm, 25 September 2026.

For more information about the vacancy, the role of a Town Councillor, eligibility criteria, and how to apply, those interested are encouraged to visit the [Town Council's website](#) and follow [Saltash Town Council's Facebook page](#) for updates throughout the recruitment campaign. Individuals are also encouraged to get in touch with current Councillors to gain an insight into the role and what it involves. [Councillor contact details can be found on the Saltash Town Council website](#).



I would encourage anyone who has a vision for Saltash to get involved. Being a Town Councillor is a rewarding opportunity to represent your community, help shape local priorities and make a positive difference to the town. You do not need previous experience to apply. Ongoing support and training are provided to help councillors develop the knowledge and skills they need, and we welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and experiences.

— Mayor Cllr Brian Stoyel



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Notes To Editor

Saltash Town Council forms the first tier of local government and works with Cornwall Council who are our Unitary Authority. We are the largest Town Council in the south-east area of Cornwall.

The Town Council is committed to providing excellence in the Services and Facilities which it delivers. We aim to be responsive, accessible, and transparent in our approach and in the work delivered.

There are sixteen Councillors representing three Wards – Essa, Tamar and Trematon. Councillors are elected from the community every four years. Spaces are filled via by-elections, or by means of the Town Council choosing new Councillors via co-option.

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman are elected by Members of the Town Council annually at the Annual Town Council meeting held in May. The Chairman also undertakes the role of Mayor representing the Town Council and community at official engagements, with their consort.