

Dear All,

Following the resignation of Cllr Simon Newton, former lead member for legal & democratic services, I propose to put myself forward for this role.

To enable my suitability to be considered and subsequently voted at full council on the 26th of November, here are my credentials for your consideration.

- Elected District and Town Councillor 2023.
- Chair Standards Committee 2023/24/25.
- Previously Independent Person 2022/23, Standards & Scrutiny.
- Member External Scrutiny 2023/24/25.
- Mayor Northam Town 2025 / 26.
- Appointed Justice of The Peace 1985 North East London Commission Area, now supplementary list. Previously chair to weekly courts list, member of the area courts committee, member of the family division, youth & probation, traffic, and licensing courts. Appointed by the Lord Chancellor as mentor and trainer for newly appointed Magistrates. Crown Court Appeals Magistrate. Awarded long service medal by Magistrates Association for meritorious service.
- Former Chair Carpenters & Dockland Centre Stratford - Youth & Community Centre; 22 years voluntary service.
- Currently Trustee and Treasurer Torridge Walk & Talk, with 15 years' voluntary service. Recently awarded certificate of recognition by Active Devon in their 2025 annual volunteer award scheme.
- Police Volunteer for Devon & Cornwall Police Authority, based at Bideford. (2022)
- Served on many management committees for various charities and voluntary organisations during the past 60 years, including a London Housing Association. Many years' experience in corporate and organisational due diligence, scrutiny, HR and financial management.
- Awarded Queens Platinum Jubilee Medal (2022), for Voluntary Service.
- Former Member Law Society panel of expert witnesses, acting in consumer, landlord & tenant act, party wall, and construction disputes, as well as the Court of Technology.
- Former Chartered Building Engineer & Surveyor.
- Former member Chartered Institute of Arbitrators dealing with alternative dispute resolution, arbitration, and conciliation.
- Former member Chartered Institute of Building.
- Former Chelmsford City Council Estate Manager.
- Former senior partner London firm of Chartered Surveyors & Planning Consultants.
- Former Consultant Surveyor to the Diocese of East Anglia, Mansfield University Settlement, The Docklands Settlements, and Aston Charities Trust.
- I'm Pretty much up to date with my commitment for CPD, including equalities, diversity, H&S, planning and chair management.

- My current role at Northam Town Council, includes Mayor, Chair of Council, along with an active membership of all the sub- committees, including Finance & HR, Review, Planning & Development (vice chair), Parks & Recreation, Environment & Maintenance, Trustee of the Burrows Charity, and Mayfair Working Group.

However, this role is not so much about me, or the individual, but the ability for the appointed person to encourage communication and positive action in the area they represent for this Council.

If you consider that my extensive background and experience outlined above is relevant, and sufficient to enable me to carry out this important role, in a diligent and professional manner, in accordance with the agreed protocols, then please vote for me at our next meeting.

However, I would not be able to do this job without the support of you all, and our senior officers, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

For complete transparency and openness, I am also copying this email to our chief executive, all elected members, the senior management team at TDC and the Town Clerk of Northam Town Council.

Thank you.

Kind Regards

Cllr Louis C Bach JP

Torrige District Council and Northam Town Council

Westward Ho! Ward.

Mayor Northam Town Council (2025/2026).

Chair Standards - Torrige District Council (2023/24) (2025/26)

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