

ITEM 5 – Anne Fisher (Submission support of co-option application)

For the attention of the members of West Rainton & Leamside Parish Council

In accordance with the guidance forwarded to me by the secretary of the parish council I should like to submit my application for membership.

I have lived in West Rainton for eighteen years. I am interested in the local area and I think it is very important that villages retain their individual character. I would welcome the opportunity to become more actively involved in the activities that relate to West Rainton and Leamside and any collaborative work.

I retired from my occupation as a teacher for Durham County Council in 2010 having been employed by this authority for thirty five years. During this employment I was head of faculty for twenty seven years in secondary education. As such I am fully conversant with leading and managing a team of people; attending meetings; organising, developing and implementing strategies and policies. My specialist subject involved working with local communities where, together with my team and my students, we organised events and exhibitions. I also worked collaboratively with other schools and colleges for the advancement of young people. I qualified as "Advanced Skills" teacher where my role included supporting other schools in the local authority. Later, I was seconded by the County to become subject advisor.

Specific to the job description: I have experience managing a large budget; bidding for finance to support projects, some of which involved support for the local community; working in partnership with external agencies; using IT, word processing, PowerPoint, Adobe Photoshop, and preparing risk assessment for excursions. I have prepared and given presentations to a wide range of organisations both local and national. I have attended many training courses throughout my career for my subject specialist knowledge, and developments in educational practice. I have always considered this to be vital in professional development, both for myself, my department, the young people and the other departments I worked with.

I have always considered myself to be conscientious and professional. I am proud of what I have achieved and have worked hard throughout my career. If successful, I will be happy to continue to give the same commitment as my role as parish councillor.

Please find my completed self certification attached.

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Kind regards

Anne