Applying to join
techUK Data Centres Council
(UK Council of Data Centre Operators)

These notes set out the application criteria for Council members and the joining process. While they may sound formal, they are there to protect the integrity of the council as an industry representative body. In practice, it is unlikely that an eligible applicant would be rejected when a vacancy exists.

Types of vacancy

There are two types of members on techUK's Data Centres Council, and hence two potential types of vacancy:

- **General Vacancy:** A "general vacancy" (or just "a vacancy) means that a place on Council is available to an individual from an organisation within techUK's data centre group.

- **Operator Vacancy:** An "operator vacancy" means that the person who fills it must represent a company that is a data centre operator (this can be enterprise or colocation, etc.).

We maintain a minimum 3:1 ratio of operators to non-operators. This ensures that non-operator members can never quite form a quorum: It is an operator council so our theory is that decisions made on behalf of data centre operators should be made <u>by</u> data centre operators and not by suppliers to the industry or other stakeholders. The rationale for this is simple: other data centre groups have been criticized for being too "supplier-led" so this is a deliberate strategy.

Criteria

Appointment on Council is subject to nominees being able to demonstrate what they can contribute to the techUK data centres programme. In reality, the key ask is that the individual can add to the expertise currently on Council, will turn up regularly and engage.

Joining Process

1) Applicant supplies a short bio of him/herself
2) Applicant provides a very short pen-picture of company and how it fits into the UK Data Centre ecosystem
3) Applicant makes the case for what he/she can bring to Council / how he/she can contribute (special areas of expertise, market knowledge etc)
4) The Council then decide whether that contribution fills a gap in expertise
5) The Council decide whether the company fills a gap in sector representation

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