



# CASUAL VACANCY

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 3/18

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The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of the process the Town Council is required by statute to complete following the resignation of Councillor James Toogood.

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**No. DETAILS**

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**1) PROCESS**

- a) In the event of a Casual Vacancy arising, the Town Council is required to inform the Isle of Wight Council's Electoral Services of the fact and that has been done.
- b) Next, the Town Council is required to publish a Statutory Notice of the vacancy that opens a period 14 *computed* days for 10 Ventnor West residents to give notice to the Isle of Wight Council's Returning Officer that they wish for an election to be held.
- c) If that condition is fulfilled, the Returning Officer will make the necessary arrangements for a by-election, the costs of which will be charged to the Town Council.
- d) If that condition is not fulfilled, the Town Council will fill the vacancy by Co-option.

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**2) ONGOING CONTRIBUTION**

As Members are aware James Toogood will continue to work with the Town Council on all its building-related projects on a volunteer basis through direct contact with the Clerk.

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**3) RECOMMENDATION**

Members are recommended to note the process for filling the casual vacancy and the arrangements for compliance with it.

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**4) BY-ELECTION**

As there have been two nominations for the casual vacancy in the Lowtherville Ward, a by-election will take place on 7 February 2019.

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