



# CASUAL VACANCY

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 110/18

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The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of the next stage in the filling of the casual vacancy for a Town Councillor to represent the Lowtherville Ward.

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**No. DETAILS**

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**1) PROCESS**

- a) As required by law, the Town Council informed the Isle of Wight Council's Electoral Services of the vacancy on 31 October.
  - b) The Town Council was then required to publish a Statutory Notice of the vacancy that opened a period 14 *computed* days for 10 Lowtherville electors to give notice to the Isle of Wight Council's Returning Officer that they wish for an election to be held.
  - c) A copy of the Notice was published on 13 November.
  - d) If that condition was fulfilled, the Returning Officer is required to make the necessary arrangements for a by-election to fill the vacancy.
  - e) If that condition had not been fulfilled, the Town Council would have filled the vacancy by Co-option.
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**2) BY-ELECTION**

- a) The Isle of Wight Council's Electoral Services Manager has confirmed that the condition has been met.
  - b) Nominations will open on 3 January 2019 and close at 4pm on Friday 11 January 2019.
  - c) The election itself, if contested, will be held on Thursday 7 February 2019.
  - d) The cost of the by-election will be recharged to the Town Council.
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**3) RECOMMENDATION**

Members are recommended to note the forthcoming by-election in the Lowtherville Ward and authorise the expenditure for it.

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