



CASUAL VACANCY

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 15/18

11 FEBRUARY 2019

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 Ventnor West Ward.

No. DETAILS

1) PROCESS

- a) As required by law, the Town Council informed the Isle of Wight Council's Electoral Services of the vacancy on 8 January.
 - b) The Town Council was then required to publish a Statutory Notice of the vacancy that opened a period 14 *computed* days for 10 Ventnor West 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 15 January with a deadline for requests of 4 February.
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2) BY-ELECTION

- a) The Isle of Wight Council's Electoral Services Manager has confirmed that the condition for a by-election has been met with his receipt of 10 letters from Ventnor West residents requesting one.
 - b) Nominations will open on XX February 2019 and close at 4pm on Friday XX February 2019.
 - c) The election itself, if contested, will be held on Thursday 4 April 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 Ventnor West Ward and authorise the expenditure for it.
