

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 40/13

20 May 2013

The purpose of this report is to ask Members to agree a proposed programme and appoint an interviewing group to implement the Co-option process intended to fill the two present vacancies at the 17 June Town Council Meeting.

No. DETAIL

I) BACKGROUND

- a) The election process culminating in the Poll of 3 May 2013 left two unfilled vacancies on Ventnor Town Council, one each for St Lawrence and Ventnor West.
- b) It was agreed at the Town Council's Annual Meeting held on Monday 13 May to deploy the Town Council's existing Co-option Policy, a copy of which is attached with this report, to fill them.

2) PROPOSED PROCESS

- a) The required publication of the vacancies will be fulfilled by the displaying of the relevant formal notices on the Town Council's Noticeboard in the Central Car Park and on its web-site together with display advertisements in both the South Wight Chronicle and On the Wight to be published on Wednesday 22 May 2013.
- b) These will all invite expressions of interest to be submitted to the Town Clerk by or before noon on Wednesday 5 June 2013.
- c) Interviews will then be held at a time to be arranged during the week commencing 10 June.
- d) Recommendations from the interviewing group will be presented to the Town Council Meeting of 17 June 2013 for formal adoption.

3) RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) The Town Council is recommended to consider and adopt the process in section 2 above.
- b) It is further recommended to appoint an interviewing group of five Members to include the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Leigh Geddes.