



The purpose of this Report is to ask Members to confirm the recommendations of the Interview Panel for co-options to the two Town Councillor roles left by the local elections of 6 May 2021.

No. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The local elections of 6 May left vacancies of one in each of the Bonchurch and Ventnor East and Lowtherville Wards.
 - b) Following the advertisement of the option for co-option to fill those vacancies Expressions of Interest were received from five residents or business owners.
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2) THE PANEL

- a) The request to Members to volunteer for the interviewing panel was responded to by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Ian Bond.
 - b) I joined them for the interviews all of which took place between 10.30am and 1pm on Thursday 10 June in the socially distanced Green Room.
 - c) The panel unanimously decided to recommend the co-option of John Watkins to the Bonchurch and Ventnor East vacancy and Steve Cooper to the Lowtherville vacancy.
 - d) Both have been invited to attend the Town Council meeting of 21 June with a view to their formal confirmation at the start of the meeting as Members for those Wards when they will be able to join colleagues at the table(s).
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3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to appoint John Watkins as a Member for the Bonchurch and Ventnor East Ward and Steve Cooper as a Member for the Lowtherville Ward.
