

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 23/19

11 March 2019

The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of the arrangements for the final stages to fill the casual vacancy for a Town Councillor to represent the Ventnor West Ward.

No. DETAILS

I) 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.

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) Nomination opened on 28 February 2019 and closed on 8 March with the election itself, if contested, being held on Thursday 4 April 2019.

3) RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to note the outcome of the process that will be available at the meeting.