

Full Council

Report Title:	Co-Option
Meeting Date:	24 May 2022
Contact Officer:	Mandy Sturdy, Town Clerk

Action Required

1. To consider the two applications received for the Councillor Vacancy.
2. To co-opt a Councillor for the North Ward, to serve for the remaining term of office, until May 2023.

Background

3. There were only 8 requests for a by-election following the Casual Vacancy Notice (10 were required to trigger a by-election) and therefore the Councillor vacancy will be filled by co-option.
4. An advert was publicised through the Town Council's usual channels with applications open between 31st March and 17th May 2022. Two applications were received for the Councillor Vacancy (Appendix A and B).
5. The council is now asked to consider the applications received. The chosen candidate must receive a clear majority of votes. A guidance note for co-option at a Council Meeting is attached (Appendix C).

Risk Assessment

6. It is important that the Town Council addresses any shortfalls in its membership, so it is fully able to represent its community.

Legal Powers:

- Local Government Act S89
- The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006

Recommendation

It is recommended...

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