

Committee: FULL COUNCIL

Date: 28 November 2023

Title: Co-option

Purpose of Report

Members to note information regarding co-option and a casual vacancy.

Recommendation:

Members to note the report.

Report:

1. As a result of a resignation on the 18 October Ilminster Town Council has found itself in a position of needing to co-opt a new member onto the Town Council.
2. The vacancy was notified to South Somerset District Council in accordance with legislation) that a Casual Vacancy had arisen. This was done and, on the 26 October, a Public Notice of Vacancy was posted on the Town Council's official noticeboard as directed by Democratic Services at Somerset Council.
3. On the 17 November 2023, we were informed that there had been no request for an election to take place and as result the Town Council should now look to fill the vacancy through co-option. The vacancy will be posted on noticeboards and on the council's social media feeds for a 4 week period.
4. At the Full Council meeting on the 21 February 2023 members resolved to adopt the proposed Co-option Policy which has been included with this report as **Appendix 11A**. This Policy can be made available as a hard copy for any member that requests it.
5. Co-option papers will be made available to members of the public who request them and any applications will be brought to Full Council for members to consider at the January Full Council meeting.
6. Members to note the report and the contents therein.

Mark Tredwin
Town Clerk
November 2023