

COUNCIL:

12 SEPTEMBER 2019

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Reason for this Report

1. To report to Council the vacancy in the Office of Councillor in the Electoral Division of Whitchurch and Tongwynlais.

Issues

2. The Council is required to give public notice of the vacancy in the Office of Councillor that has arisen following the death of Councillor Tim Davies.
3. An election to fill the vacancy must be held in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 within 35 days following the receipt of written notice from two local government electors for the area, on a date fixed by the Returning Officer.
4. The required Public Notice of Vacancy for the Electoral Division of Whitchurch and Tongwynlais was published on 27 August, 2019 and a valid election has been submitted to the Proper Officer.
5. A Notice of Election was published on Thursday, 29 August, 2019, and, if contested, a poll will take place on Thursday, 3 October 2019.

Legal Implications

6. The relevant legal requirements are set out in the body of the report. The election must be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Representation of the People Act 1983 (and all other relevant electoral law). Detailed legal advice will be available to those officers making arrangements for the election.

Financial Implications

7. Any costs arising from the election will need to be found from within the existing budgetary resources of the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council notes the Vacancy in the Office of Councillor for the Electoral Division of Whitchurch and Tongwynlais and arrangements made for an election to fill the vacancy.

Paul Orders

Chief Executive

6 September 2019