

COUNCIL: 30 JANUARY 2014

AGENDA ITEM:

REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

Reason for this Report

1. To report to Council the vacancy in the Office of Councillor in the Electoral Division of Canton.

Issues

2. The Returning Officer for the Council has received a resignation letter from Cerys Furlong advising of her resignation from the office of Councillor with immediate effect from 31 December 2013.
3. The Council has published a notice of vacancy for the Electoral Division of Canton.
4. An election to fill the Vacancy will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 after notice in writing has been given to the Returning Officer by two local government electors for the area.

Legal Implications

5. As noted in the body of the report the election should be conducted in accordance with the requirement of the Local Government Act 1972 (and all other relevant electoral law). Detailed legal advice will be available to those officers making arrangements for the election.

Financial Implications

6. Any costs arising from the need to run the two elections 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 Canton.

**Christine Salter
Returning Officer
17 January 2014**

Background Papers

Published Notice of Vacancy in Office of Councillor