

**COUNCIL:**

**24 SEPTEMBER 2015**

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**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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**NOTICE OF VACANCY**

**Reason for this Report**

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

**Issues**

2. The Council received a letter from Cecilia Love advising of her resignation from the Office of Councillor with effect from 21 August 2015.
3. The required notice of vacancy for the Electoral Division of Riverside was published on 26 August 2015.
4. 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. A notice requesting an election was received on 26 August 2015.
5. The election to fill the vacancy will take place on Wednesday 7 October 2015.

**Legal Implications**

6. As noted in the body of the report the election must be conducted in accordance with the requirements 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**

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 Riverside.

**Paul Orders**

**Chief Executive**

17 September 2015

## **Background Papers**

Published Notice of Vacancy in Office of Councillor