

AGENDA 8, Enc iii) Clerk's Note - Casual Vacancy – Hirst Ward

Following the resignation of Councillor Pauline Thompson, a casual vacancy has arisen in the office of Councillor for Hirst Ward.

In accordance with Section 84 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the formal Notice of Vacancy was published on **29th September 2025**.

Electors of the ward have until **17th October 2025** (14 working days, excluding weekends and bank holidays, from the date of publication) to request that an election be held. If ten or more electors make such a request to the Returning Officer, a by-election will be arranged.

If no request is received by the deadline, the Town Council will be able to fill the vacancy by **co-option**. Should this be the case, the matter will be added to the agenda of the **Full Council meeting on 25th November 2025** to confirm the process and timetable for co-option, in accordance with our Co-option Policy.