

**WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL**

Chief Executive

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To make arrangements for a by-election as the Parish Council is inquorate.

**2 Recommendations**

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| 2.1 That an Order be made under Section 39 of the Representation of the People Act, 1983 directing the Returning Officer to hold an election for the vacant seats on Wendover Parish Council on a date to be determined by him. |
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**3 Supporting Information**

- 3.1 There are 13 seats on Wendover Parish Council. However, as a result of resignations there are now only 4 members in office.
- 3.2 The quorum for a Parish Council is three or one third of the total membership whichever is the greater. Wendover Parish Council is now inquorate as a minimum of 5 members are needed.
- 3.3 Section 39 of the Representation of the People Act, 1983 enables the District Council to do anything which is necessary or expedient to hold an election for the Parish Council so that it is properly constituted.
- 3.4 Temporary members are being appointed to the Parish Council to enable it to act in the interim. The Head of Administration has delegated authority to make the order covering this aspect after consultation with group leaders.

**4 Options Considered**

- 4.1 None.

**5 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 5.1 The election will enable additional Councillors to take office.

**6 Resource implications**

- 6.1 The cost of the election will be met by the Parish Council.

**7 Response to Key Aims and Outcomes**

- 7.1 This will ensure that there is a fully functioning Parish Council to maintain services and represent the interests of the local community.

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Background Documents	None.

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