

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

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### **INQUORATE PARISH COUNCILS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – SECTION 91**

#### **Summary**

The Law states that the Borough Council, where there are so many vacancies in the office of parish councillor that the parish council is unable to act, may by order appoint persons to fill all or any of the vacancies, until other councillors are elected to take up office.

As the close of nominations is 3 April 2019 any parishes which are inquorate will be known after that time. A list of those parishes will be reported after the close of nominations.

#### **Recommendation**

That pursuant to section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chief Executive be delegated to make Order/s for the filling any vacancies on inquorate Parish Councils, until such time as other Councillors are elected.

#### **Reason for Decision**

To ensure any Parishes which are inquorate are made quorate so they can continue to act.

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The close of nominations for parish councils is on 3 April 2019. In the event there are any parish councils which are inquorate this Council is requested to grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive to make Order/s to appoint persons to fill all or any vacancies to make the Parish/es quorate.

### **2.0 NEW ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCIES**

2.1 The Returning Officer will arrange for an election for the election of Councillor/s to fill the vacancy/ies.

### **3.0 STATUTORY CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 makes provision for the Borough Council to appoint persons to fill vacancies in this circumstance. Section 39 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 provides that the Borough Council shall direct the holding of an election.

### **4 ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

Statement of persons nominated – after 3 April 2019.