



NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

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NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 (Section 87(2))

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a casual vacancy has occurred in the office of Councillor for the **West** Ward of the Town of **NEWPORT** following the resignation on Tuesday 8th August 2017 of Councillor Andrew Bowsher.

Rule 5(2) of The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules, 2006 now applies.

The rule allows TEN ELECTORS for the Newport West Ward in which the casual vacancy has arisen to request the Returning Officer to hold an election to fill the vacancy.* That request must be made within FOURTEEN DAYS, calculated in accordance with the rules,** of the date of this notice. The fourteen-day period ends on Wednesday 30th August 2017.

What if a request to hold an election is not received during the permitted time? Rule 5(5) of the above Rules will apply. The Parish Council must, as soon as practicable after the expiry of the fourteen-day period, co-opt a person to fill the vacancy.

The Returning Officer's address is **Electoral Services Office, Telford and Wrekin Council, Addenbrooke House, 2nd Floor, Ironmasters Way, Telford TF3 4NT**
The telephone number for any further guidance is 01952 383210

This notice is dated 9th day of **August 2017**

Clerk to the Council

* There is no form of words for this request, which might simply be a letter headed with such words as "We the undersigned being electors for the [Ward of] Newport South Parish, call for an election to fill the vacancy arising from the [death][resignation] of ...". It is helpful if the ten signatures are accompanied by printed names and addresses. A template form is available from the Town Council offices.

** In calculating the notice period, day one is the day following the date of this notice; a Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a Bank Holiday or day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning shall be disregarded, and the period closes at midnight on the fourteenth day after the date of this notice.