

Full Council

Title:	Councillor Resignation
Date:	5 March 2024
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Purpose of Report

1. To provide information following the resignation of Tom Wyse.

Background

2. With effect from 17 February 2024, Tom Wyse has resigned from being a Councillor. The Notice of Vacancy will run until 7 March 2024. It will be confirmed on 8 March 2024 whether there will either be an election managed by SODC to fill the vacant post (if 10 or more electorates request SODC to hold an election) or the process to co-opt a Councillor will begin. The intention is to have a new Councillor in place prior to the Annual Meeting, although the election timetable is set by SODC.
3. The resignation of Tom Wyse has left the following vacancies:
 - Deputy Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee
 - Member of the Planning & Environment Committee
 - Member of the Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee
 - Member of the Fairs Working Group
 - External Organisation representative to Thame Shed (CLR)
 - External Organisation representative to Citizens Advice (P&R)
4. Given:
 - the proximity to the Annual Meeting (May) where all committee appointments are reviewed annually;
 - that the committees / working groups / external appointments are under review and likely to change at the Annual Meeting (May), and;
 - that there is a possibility that CLR / P&R may be cancelled in April:

It is proposed that:

- a. the Planning & Environment Committee should elect a Deputy Chairman at its meeting on 12 March 2024.
- b. all other vacancies should left vacant until the Annual Meeting on 14 May 2024.

Resource Appraisal

5. The proposed changes are all within existing defined resources, and / or reflect what the Town Council does already, so there are no additional resource requirements identified.

Risk Assessment

6. The vacancies being left vacant would not harm the governance of Thame Town Council for the reasons outlined in Paragraph 4.

Legal Powers:

- Local Government Act 1972

Recommendation

- i) ***The Planning & Environment Committee should elect a Deputy Chairman at its meeting on 12 March 2024.***
- ii) ***All other vacancies should not be filled until the Annual Meeting on 14 May 2024.***