

Item 10 Full Council 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Casual Vacancy Langfield Ward

1. Following the passing of Christine Potter a casual vacancy automatically occurs for Langfield under the **Local Government Act 1972 - Rule 87 Date of casual vacancies.**

“2)Public notice of a casual vacancy in any such office as is referred to in subsection (1) above shall be given by the local authority in which the office exists; and the steps required to be taken to give public notice in accordance with section 232 below shall be taken—

(a)in a case where the local authority declare the office to be vacant, immediately after the declaration; and

(b)in any other case, as soon as practicable after the date on which, by virtue of subsection (1) above, the vacancy is deemed to have occurred.”

2. In agreement with CMBC we have taken the view “as soon as practicable”, and as a mark of respect, the advertising of the vacancy will not formally take place until 3 pm on December 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 , after the funeral has taken place.
3. Taking into account bank holidays, the closing date for ten members of the public to seek a bye election will be the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022
4. As with the casual vacancy at Walsden Ward, Members will be advised whether any such request criteria has been met in time.
5. If called for then Members will be advised of the bye election date and if not, then as with Walsden Ward, a process of co-option followed.