

8. CO-OPTION ARRANGEMENTS – CENTRAL WARD – To approve the timetable and actions arising.

Background – Cornwall Council, as the Elections Authority have issued the “Statements of Persons Nominated” in the recent electoral process which indicates that 14 nominations were received for the 15 councillor positions on Liskeard Town Council. There being one nomination short in the Central Ward. The Elections Authority have indicated that Liskeard Town Council should proceed to fill that vacancy by co-option.

Co-option Timetable and Actions –

21st May 2025 – place Co-option vacancy information and form on the website, noticeboards, windows, social media with possibly also the press*.

10th June 2025 – (this would allow 3 weeks for the forms to be completed) noon - deadline for the submission of Co-option application forms to the Town Clerk.

18th June 2025 – Co-option Interviews – 7.30 pm commencing in the evening.

24th June 2025 – Town Council – could approve the result of the selection process.

The Election Authority had previously indicated that the placement of an advertisement in the press, that is, in newspapers was no longer a statutory requirement. This was noted by the Town Council during the budget setting process.

Costings – Should the Town Council wish to consider placing advertisements costs have been obtained for the placing of an advert repeated the following week in the Cornish Times. This would be £110. “This would make a 5x2 £54.60+Vat per week: 28th May and 4th June. Deadline would be 12 noon Wednesday 21st May”

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE TIMETABLE IS APPROVED AND THE PLACEMENT OF ADVERTS IN THE NEWSPAPER CONSIDERED.