

To receive and note a report on the Notice of Vacancy,
Essa Ward, Saltash

Report to: Full Town Council

Date of Report: 01.07.26

Officer Writing the Report: Town Clerk / RFO

Purpose of the report: To inform the Town Council of the Notice of Vacancy, Essa Ward, Saltash

Officer's Recommendations

To note.

Report Summary

Following the resignation of former Councillor John Brady, a vacancy has arisen for the Essa Ward of Saltash Town Council.

Please find attached the Notice of Vacancy in the Office of Councillor.

If, by 28 July 2026, a request for an election to fill the vacancy is submitted in writing to Cornwall Council Electoral Services by ten registered electors for the ward, an election will be held. If no such request is received, the vacancy will be filled by co-option in accordance with the Town Council's adopted Co-option Policy.

Electoral Services have been advised that, should an election be called, the Town Council would opt for postal polling cards. The estimated cost of holding an election in Essa Ward is approximately £TBC, which would be borne by Saltash Town Council and, ultimately, the residents of the town.

Should the Town Council decide not to order postal polling cards the associated cost would reduce to approximately £TBC.

The number of postal voters for Essa Ward is TBC.

In the meantime, the Town Council will continue to act in accordance with the Local Government Act and await further instruction from Cornwall Council.

Budgets

Budget Codes:

6271 EMF Election

Budget Availability:

£43,000

Committed Spend:

£12,000 (Trematon Ward Election)

Signature of Officer:

Town Clerk / RFO