

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council:

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Chairman:

Councillor Chris Hayes

To: Members of the Whitehaven Town Council

You are duly **SUMMONED** to attend an **EXTRAORDINARY** meeting of the **WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL** which will be held at

**Venue: THE BEACON PORTAL, THE BEACON, WHITEHAVEN on Thursday
21st April 2022**

Time: 6.00pm

Signed.....*Marlene Jewell*.....Dated..13th April 2022
Marlene Jewell, Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interests by elected members in respect of Agenda items

If a Member requires any advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact the Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

3. Public Participation

4. Co-option of Councillor for Whitehaven South Ward

In accordance with the Council's Co-option Policy to consider all applications received from candidates who have submitted an application to be co-opted onto the Council as a Councillor for Whitehaven South Ward, to hear the candidates' submissions and then to vote and co-opt the successful candidate.

Co-option of Councillor For Whitehaven South Ward

Purpose of the Report

To consider the applications received from candidates to be co-opted as a Councillor for Whitehaven South Ward and to make a decision on this.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Members will be aware that applications have been sought from people wishing to be co-opted onto the Council for the Whitehaven South Ward.
- 1.2 Applications have been received which are attached at Appendix 1 although the closing date is not until noon on 14th April 2022. The Co-option policy states that these documents will be treated by the Clerk and all Councillors as strictly private and confidential.
- 1.3 You will see from the Co-option Policy that candidates will be given five minutes maximum to introduce themselves to Councillors, give information on their background and experience and explain why they wish to become a member of the Council. This process will be carried out in public session and there will be no private discussions between members prior to a vote being taken. When the Council is discussing the merits of candidates and inevitably their personal attributes, this could be prejudicial and the Council should resolve to exclude the members of the press and public

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Council considers the applications from candidates to be co-opted as a Councillor for Whitehaven South Ward in accordance with the Co-option Policy and decides who to co-opt.