

Co-option Report for Council 18 May 2026

The time period during which members of the electorate could have requested a by-election in Beacon Road Ward following the resignation of Colin Kemp has now expired. The TDC Electoral Services team has confirmed that insufficient requests were received so there will be no election and the Town Council may co-opt.

The co-option policy is attached for clarity. I propose the following:-

- To publicise the vacancy this week (week commencing 18 May 2026) on our noticeboards, website, social media and in the local press. The appropriate publicity materials and an application pack are ready.
- There will be a closing date for applications four weeks after the date of publication.
- The applicants will be considered at the Council meeting of 26 June 2026

Decision required: Do Councillors wish to pursue this course of action and instruct the Town Clerk to start the process?