

# **NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF A COUNCILLOR**

## **ALNWICK TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Castle Ward**

#### **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

Pursuant to section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, that Alan Waton formerly a Member of the above named Town Council, has ceased to be a Member of the Town Council, and that a vacancy now exists in the office of Councillor for the Parish.

If, within 14 days (\*) after the date of this notice (i.e. no later than 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020), a request for an election to fill the vacancy is made to The Returning Officer, Elections Office, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF by TEN electors for the Parish (Ward), an election will be held to fill the vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

By virtue of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and The Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 if a by election is requested this will not take place, and the vacancy will be held open until the next election takes place. The 2020 regulations provide for the by election to take place on the date of the Ordinary Election of Councilors due to be held on 6 May 2021. However, this date may be brought forward or deferred by the Government depending upon the circumstances. Any election that is in due course called will be duly publicised as required by law.

Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Peter Hately

Chief Officer/Town Clerk – Alnwick Town Council

(\*) In computing any period of time for this purpose, a Saturday or Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday or day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning must be disregarded.