

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

9 July 2024

Report of the Chief Executive and Returning Officer

Part 1- Public

Matters For Information

1 ELECTION OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR FOR JUDD WARD

1.1 Result of By-Election

1.1.1 Following the creation of a vacancy of Borough Councillor for the Judd Ward, caused by the resignation of Cllr George Hines, an election was held on Thursday 4 July 2024.

1.1.2 The result of the election was as follows:-

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| Michelle Fallaize | Liberal Democrat | 387 |
| Jenny Lewis | Conservative | 787 |
| Stacey Dean Pilgrim | The Green Party | 2051 |

1.1.3 The turnout at the election was 68.49%.

1.1.4 Mr Stacey Pilgrim was therefore elected to serve as Councillor for the Judd Ward until the next scheduled Borough Council elections in May 2027. Cllr Pilgrim has duly made their declaration of acceptance of office.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 In accordance with LGA 1972 s83, elected individuals cannot act as a councillor, including attending and voting at meetings, until a declaration of acceptance of office has been signed. This declaration must be made within 2 months from the date of the election. If this deadline is not met, the seat will be declared vacant and a by-election will be held.

1.2.2 In accordance with the Tonbridge and Malling (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 the Borough Council is required to have 44 elected members representing 19 electoral wards.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.3.1 A councillor receives a basic allowance under the Members Allowance Scheme. This does not represent budget growth as it replaces the allowance previously paid to the resigned councillor.

1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 None.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.5.1 None required.

Background papers:

Nil

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