

## DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	15 JULY 2019	11

### SINGLETON PARISH COUNCIL: APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

#### PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

#### SUMMARY

Following the elections, Singleton Parish Council has only two members and is unable to hold a quorate meeting. The council is requested to temporarily appoint three members to the parish council to enable the parish council to function.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

To authorise the Director of Resources to make an order under section 91 of the Local Government act 1972 to appoint Christopher Bailey and Michael Andrew Smith as members of Singleton Parish Council.

#### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

None

#### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services ( <b>Value for Money</b> )	
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council ( <b>Clean and Green</b> )	
Working with all partners ( <b>Vibrant Economy</b> )	v
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live ( <b>A Great Place to Live</b> )	
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit ( <b>A Great Place to Visit</b> )	

#### REPORT

- At the recent elections, two candidates stood for election to Singleton Parish Council and were returned unopposed. The size of the parish council is five councillors, so three seats remain unfilled. The quorum for a meeting of the parish council is three, so the council is unable to meet to co-opt further members to fill the remaining vacancies.
- Legislation provides that in such circumstances, the district council may appoint persons to fill all or any of the vacancies until other councillors are elected and take up office.

3. The clerk to Singleton Parish Council has advised that two retiring councillors were unable to put in their nomination papers due to individual circumstances, but are willing to continue to serve. They are Christopher Bailey and Michael Andrew Smith. Both are believed to fulfil the legal requirements for membership.
4. Members are requested to authorise officers to make a formal order under section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972, appointing the individuals named above as members of Singleton Parish Council.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	No implications
Legal	No implications
Community Safety	Parish councils can play an important role in community life and cohesion.
Human Rights and Equalities	No implications
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	No implications
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No implications

LEAD AUTHOR	CONTACT DETAILS	DATE
Ian Curtis	ian.curtis@fylde.gov.uk & Tel 01253 658506	10 May 2019