

Item 45  
Co-option

### **Background**

The Co-option of a Town Councillor occurs in two instances:

- 1) When an ordinary vacancy has arisen on the Town Council after the ordinary elections held every 4 years
- 2) When a casual vacancy has arisen on the Town Council and no poll (by-election) has been called.

Rugeley Town Council currently has 2 ordinary vacancies in Hagley Ward. In the Town Councils Co-option Policy, it states that:

*'provided there are enough Town Councillors to constitute a quorum, the Town Council is usually able to co-opt a volunteer to fill the vacancies. In some cases the District Council (CCDC) may....make an appointment or direct the holding of an election within 35 days beginning with the day on which the election was held. '*

### **For Consideration**

Cllrs to discuss the process of appointment to these two vacancies.