





of HM Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September 2022, meeting schedules were rearranged and as a consequence Council was rescheduled to 6th October 2022 and the deadline for expressions of interest in being co-opted as a Town Councillor was extended to 9am on Monday 26th September 2022.

Two applications were received in the following order:

1. Callistus Fonjong, received 11th September 2022; and
2. Richard Forrest, received 21st September 2022

The candidates addressed the Council explaining how they intended to serve as a Town Councillor and answered questions from members of the Council. Both candidates agreed to leave the room while the other candidate addressed the Council and the merits of the applications were considered.

Since there were more applicants than vacancies, the Town Mayor called for a secret ballot to take place. Having counted the 13 votes cast, the Town Mayor declared that Callistus Fonjong had received a majority of the votes cast and therefore, it was proposed by the Town Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor and was:

**RESOLVED** that Callistus Fonjong be co-opted as a Town Councillor to fill the vacancy for Thorpe Astley ward.

*Reason for Decision*

*The submission provided background on Callistus Fonjong, who had set out how he would serve as a member of the Town Council and the Council considered him suitable to serve as a Town Councillor.*

In accordance with the resolution above, Councillor Callistus Fonjong made the formal declaration of acceptance of office before both the Council and the Proper Officer and duly took up his seat on the Council.

## **6062 Civility and Respect Pledge**

The Council considered making a commitment to the “Civility & Respect Pledge” developed by the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks (item 6 on the agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor Nick Brown and was seconded by Councillor Amanda Hack and was

**RESOLVED** that Braunstone Town Council sign up to the “Civility and Respect Pledge” developed by the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks, as attached at Appendix 1 of the report.













NOTE:

CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 (SECTION 17) – The Council has an obligation to consider Crime & Disorder implications of all its activities and to do all that it can to prevent Crime and Disorder in its area.

EQUALITIES ACT 2010

Braunstone Town Council has a duty in carrying out its functions to have due regard to:-

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
- advance equality of opportunity between different groups; and;
- foster good relations between different groups

To ensure that no person receives less favourable treatment on the basis of race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity.

These issues were considered in connection with each of the above decisions. Unless otherwise stated under each item of this report, there were no implications.

SIGNED: .....

DATED: .....