

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
23rd JUNE 2020
ANNUAL MEETING**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Council will be aware from the reports to the Budget and Policy Committee of the current legislative position regarding the prospective holding of an Annual Meeting in the current (2020/21) Civic Year.

- 1.2 This Report is prepared as supplemental to Minute No 393.

2. OPTIONS

- 2.1 In short the main options available to the Council are:
 - a) To determine not to hold an Annual Meeting in 2020/21. The effect being that all appointments continue as existing until May 2021 (ie a two-year term);
 - b) To determine to hold an Annual Meeting in the normal way (albeit in 'virtual' form) and appoint/re-appoint as it sees fit til the end of the current Council term (May 2021 – ie potentially a 10/11 month term instead of the normal 12 months). If so determined to then indicate the day/date on which that should be held, such as:
 - i) The date of the next scheduled Council meeting – 28th July; or
 - ii) Such other day (either before or after that day) as the Council may determine.
 - c) To set a pre-condition at which time an Annual Meeting could/would be held.

- 2.2 At the Budget and Policy Committee reference was made to the possibility of appointing for an 18 month term (ie to May 2022). However, such a course of action is not lawful - any/all appointments may (as the law stands at present) only subsist til May next year, when an Annual Meeting will be required to be held in the normal way¹.

¹ The Borough Council has adopted the approach that that they will not hold an Annual Meeting during the period in which remote procedure rules apply.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 This is primarily a political matter which falls to the Council to determine how it wishes to proceed.

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