

14. CASUAL VACANCY IN THE ST NICHOLAS WARD**Report By: Chief Executive****Wards Affected**

St Nicholas

Purpose

1. To inform Council of the death of Councillor Rev. D.C. Short, MBE and of the arrangements to fill the resulting casual vacancy in St Nicholas Ward.

Financial Implications

2. The revenue budget includes provision for meeting the costs of elections to fill casual vacancies.

Notice of Casual Vacancy

3. Notice of the Casual Vacancy in St Nicholas' Ward was given in the edition of the Hereford Times published on 4th December 2003 and by public notice in St Nicholas Ward.
4. An election to fill the vacancy is required to be held within 35 days after notice in writing requesting an election is given to the Chief Executive as proper officer by two local government electors for the area. Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays do not count in the calculation of the 35 days. Written notice was duly received, four valid nominations have been received and the election to fill the casual vacancy will take place on 22nd January, 2004.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT the information be noted.****BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None identified.