

# **NOTICE OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR**

## **SEAHAM (WESTLEA)**

### **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that due to the non attendance of Richie Whitehead, a vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council.

If by 21 August, 2020 (14 days after the date of this notice) a request for a by-election to fill the said vacancy has not been made to: The Returning Officer, Electoral Services, Room 1/104-115, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL by TEN electors for the said Parish (Ward), the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

Where ten valid requests for a by-election are received by the Proper Officer then under the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and The Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus)(Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 the by-election will not currently take place, and the vacancy will be held open until the by election takes place. The 2020 regulations provide for the by election to take place on the date for the Ordinary Election of Councillors due to be held on Thursday 6 May 2021. However, this date may be brought forward or deferred by the Government depending upon the circumstances. Any Election that is in due course called will be duly publicised as required by law.

Dated 3 August, 2020

**Dianne Rickaby  
Town Clerk  
Seaham Town Council**