**Emergency Measures**

In the event of any council seat (city, district or county) becoming vacant due to unexpected circumstances, within five months of an election date or by-election being called, the Association will approve and select a suitable candidate under Emergency Measures.

Such circumstances might include a sitting councillor having passed away, resignation or expulsion.

This may mean five Association members/officers can convene a meeting to approve and/or select a candidate at the same time. These emergency measures exist in order to allow the chosen candidate maximum time to canvass/campaign in order to optimise their chance of winning the seat.

**Date**: January 31st 2021