Title of Report: District Council By-Election:

Pangbourne Ward 20th April 2006

Report to be considered by: Council

Purpose of Report: To inform Council of the result of the by-election in the

Pangbourne Ward held on 20th April 2006.

Recommended Action: To note the attached report.

**Reason for decision to be taken:**To confirm the result of the by-election held in the Pangbourne

Ward as a result of the resignation of Councillor Susie Kemp.

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**List of other options considered:** None

**Key background documentation:** Advice received from The Electoral Commission on elections and

electoral legislation.

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# **Implications**

Policy: N/a

Financial: The costs associated with the by-election are unbudgeted and therefore will

result in a pressure within the Strategy & Resources Service Grouping for

2006/7 of approximately £2,500

Personnel: N/a

**Legal:** In accordance with Representation of the People Acts, associated regulations

and guidance issued by The Electoral Commission

Property: N/a

**Risk Management:** Assessments carried out by Presiding Officer at the polling station.

# **Supporting Information**

# 1. Background

- 1.1 Notification was received from Councillor Susie Kemp on 3rd March 2006 resigning from the Council, together with the appropriate petition for a by-election in the Pangbourne Ward.
- 1.2 At the close of nominations on 21st March 2006, three candidates had provided the appropriate documentation and a statement was issued on 23rd March 2006 as to persons nominated.
- 1.3 The district by-election was held on 20th April 2006 with the Village Hall at Pangbourne used to house the Polling Station. The Count was also held at the same venue.

#### 2. Statement of Persons Elected

2.1 The result of the District Council by-election for the Pangbourne Ward held on 20th April 2006 was as follows:

Pamela Ann BALE 725 Stephen Geoffrey BROWN 151 Senan Christopher HARTNEY 96

Turnout 45.12%

- 2.2 The count in respect District Council by-election commenced at 9.00p.m. on 20th April 2006 and the result was declared at 9.29p.m.
- 2.3 I would like to thank all staff involved in dealing with the Pangbourne Ward by-election for their efficient handling of the election process.

# **Appendices**

None

## **Consultation Responses**

Local Stakeholders: N/a

Officers Consulted: Chief Executive, Phil Runacres, Clare Ockwell

Trade Union: N/a