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Dear Parish/Town Council Clerk

Ryedale Area Committee -
Election to Fill Vacancy for Co-opted Member

Your Council is invited to vote in a ballot to identify one Parish/Town Councillor for appointment who will, alongside Parish Councillors Philip Chapman (*of Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council*), David Lloyd-Williams (*of Norton on Derwent and Malton Town Councils*) and Kenelm Storey (*of Settrington Parish Council*), represent Parish/Town Councils in the Ryedale district area on the County Council's Ryedale Area Committee.

On 3 June 2014, I wrote to all Parish/Town Council Clerks in the Ryedale district area seeking nominations to fill the current vacancy for a Co-opted Member on the Area Committee. Two nominations were subsequently received. A ballot is therefore being held to seek to identify the candidate who receives the highest number of votes. The Area Committee will be invited to appoint that candidate as a Co-opted Member.

I enclose the following documents:-

- (a) The election address provided by each candidate.
- (b) A ballot paper.
- (c) A Declaration of Identity form.
- (d) An envelope for the return of documents (b) and (c) above.

If your Council wishes to participate in the ballot, please arrange for the person who is authorised by your Council to cast its vote to complete the Declaration of Identity form and the ballot paper. Each Council may vote for one candidate. To vote for a candidate, please place a **X** in the right-hand column of the ballot paper opposite that candidate's name.

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To: All Parish/Town Council Clerks in the Ryedale district area

Cc for information (enclosing election addresses only) to all candidates and all County Councillors in the Ryedale District Area

Once the ballot paper and the Declaration of Identity form have been completed, these should be placed in the enclosed envelope and returned to me so that I receive them **by no later than 5pm on Friday 5 September 2014.**

Votes will be counted early during the week commencing 8 September. At its meeting on 17 September 2014, the Committee will be invited formally to appoint the candidate who receives the highest number of votes to the current vacancy.

If you have any queries about this procedure, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

RA Gladstone

for Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

North Yorkshire County Council

Ryedale Area Committee

Vacancy for Co-opted Member Representing Parish/Town Councils

Candidates' Election Addresses

Candidate: **Paul Andrews**

Council: **Habton Parish Council**

Election address:

I have served the community as an independent district councillor since 2003. I am deputy Mayor of Malton. I live in Great Habton and have been a member of Habton Parish Council since 2000. I served seven years on the Area Committee, but failed to get back on the committee last year. I know the Area Committee and its work very well.

As a Habton Parish councillor, I am familiar with rural issues, and led the successful campaign to save our local pub, The Grapes, as the hub of the community.

I led the opposition to the Environment Agency's plans to take down flood defences protecting farms and villages, and successfully campaigned for the engagement of an independent hydrological engineer to negotiate with the Environment Agency on flood prevention.

At Area Committee meetings, I have always pressed for the retention of front line services in the face of cuts, particularly in regard to police and fire services.

I believe local highway matters are important and should be fully discussed and debated at the committee, and have argued for a regular written report from the County area surveyor at meetings. (END)

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Candidate: **Christine Dowie**

Council: **Kirkbymoorside Town Council**

Election address:

I am a retired Primary School Headteacher and have lived in Ryedale since 1977 and worked here since 1984. I served as Chairman of Normanby Parish Meeting for three years. I moved to Kirkbymoorside in 1995 and have been a member of the Town Council since 2010 and Chairman and Town Mayor since 2011. My experience in these different roles has enabled me to develop a good understanding of the issues faced by people in our towns and villages and the way in which the Parish, District and County Council work together.

In the current economic climate when reductions are being made to services I believe that it is vital that Parish and Town Councils have strong representation because we are best placed to understand the impact on our rural communities.

I would very much like the opportunity to serve as a member of North Yorkshire County Council's Ryedale Area Committee. I believe my previous experience will enable me to make valued contributions to the work of the Committee and I ask you to give me your support. (END)