Procedure for making temporary appointments to Parish Councils

This procedure allows South Derbyshire District Council to make an Order to appoint persons to Parish Councils in accordance with section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 1. The Parish Clerk advises the Council that the Parish Council is unable to operate due to being inquorate.
- 2. Electoral Services verifies the number of seats on the Parish Council.
- 3. All District Ward Members for the area in which the parish is located will be offered the temporary appointment of Parish Councillor until such time as the vacancies are filled by election.
- 4. For parishes falling into two different District Wards, the District Ward Members applicable to the parish ward(s) where the vacancies have arisen will all be approached.
- 5. Where the relevant Ward Members are unable to be appointed and the Parish Council remains inquorate the Council's Proper Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council will consider the way forward which may involve adjacent District Ward Members.
- 6. All appointments must be made by Order under Section 91(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 7. A report detailing the action taken will be submitted to the next Council meeting.
- 8. In accordance with section 91(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council's Proper Officer will forward two copies of the Order to the Secretary of State. A copy for information will also be sent to the Clerk of the Parish Council.
- 9. The Order will to stipulate the names of the appointed persons and the latest date their appointment will expire.