Local Elections - 5 May 2016

Report by the Returning Officer.

1. DISTRICT

In accordance with the District of Huntingdonshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2002, elections in 17 Wards of the District were held on 5th May 2016 and by-election in St Neots Eynesbury. The elections were combined with the Police and Crime Commissioner Election and the results are summarised in Appendix A hereto.

Appendix B contains a complete list of Members of the Council, showing the year in which they will all retire as 2018. This is as a result of the review of electoral arrangements of the District currently underway and the decision taken by the Council to move to whole Council elections in 2018.

2. CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

There was a by-election for the St Neots Eaton Socon and Eynesbury Division of Cambridgeshire County Council also held on the same day.

2. TOWNS AND PARISHES

Ordinary elections were held in 17 Towns/Parishes in the District and there were contests in 4, which includes all wards of St Ives. There was also a by-election for a casual vacancy in the Eynesbury Ward of St Neots Town Council. In 6 Parishes the number of the nominations equalled the number of vacancies. In 7 Parishes the number of nominations fell short of the number of vacancies and those Parish Councils now will be invited to co-opt to fill the remaining vacancies.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the staff who were engaged in taking the poll and/or counting the votes on 5th and 6th May 2016. My sincere thanks are due to all concerned.