NOTICE OF ELECTION

West Dorset District Council Authority Area

Election of a Town Councillor for the Bridport South Ward of Bridport Town Council

1. NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination papers may be obtained online at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/elections or from the offices of the Returning Officer, West Dorset District Council, South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ who will at the request of any elector for the electoral area prepare a nomination paper for signature.

2. DELIVERY OF THE NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination papers must be delivered by hand to the Returning Officer, West Dorset District Council, South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ, on any day after the date of this notice, on Monday to Thursday, 9am to 4:30pm and Friday 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays), but not later than 4pm on **Tuesday, 4 April 2017**. Candidates and Agents requiring formal receipt of their nominations need to make an appointment - contact elections@dorset.gov.uk or telephone 01305 838299 to arrange.

3. POLL

If the election is contested, then a poll will take place on Thursday, 4 May 2017

4. ABSENT VOTES

Electors and their proxies should take note that applications to vote by post must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm** on 5pm on **Tuesday**, **18 April 2017**, if they are to be effective for this election. This includes electors or their proxies who wish to make alterations to their existing arrangements on a permanent basis or who wish to make separate application for their ballot paper to be sent to a different address for this particular election. Application forms online at www.dorsetforyou.com/postal

Applications to vote by appointing a proxy must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by no later than 5pm on 5pm on **Tuesday 25 April 2017**. Application forms online www.dorsetforyou.com/proxy

A person can apply to vote by 'emergency' proxy if they learn they cannot go to the polling station because of their occupation, service or employment, or a medical condition, illness or disability arises after 5pm **Tuesday 25 April 2017.** The application MUST reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on the date of the poll.

All applications and notices regarding absent voting must be sent to the Electoral Registration Officer, West Dorset District Council, South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ or by email to elections@dorset.gov.uk

5. Please visit www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/elections for more details.

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MATT PROSSER RETURNING OFFICER

Dated Monday 27 March 2017