



**Penrith Town Council**

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## **Penrith Town Council co-opts new Councillor for Penrith East Ward**

At its meeting of Full Council on Monday 17 July 2023, Penrith Town Council co-opted David Knaggs as councillor for the Penrith East Ward.

Ordinary co-option following a non-contested election is a process whereby a qualifying person can be appointed by the Council during the course of a Council meeting to fill a vacant seat after election.

Councillor Knaggs has been co-opted for the duration of the council term.

On Councillor Knaggs' appointment, Penrith Town Council Chair & Mayor Doug Lawson said:

*"I am pleased to welcome Councillor Knaggs to Penrith Town Council.*

*"The people of the Penrith East Ward can be left assured that they will be represented by a councillor who has the best interests of the community at heart and who will work tirelessly to represent their views.*

*"I look forward to working with Councillor Knaggs over the term of the council."*

The vacancy for Penrith East Ward arose after the local elections on 4 May 2023 which left one seat vacant for Penrith Town Council. This is because only two candidates stood for the three seats available.