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Election to the Legislative Council

Following the sad death of Mr Norman Radcliffe CP MLC, section 22 of the Isle of Man Constitution Amendment Act 1919 requires that the vacancy thus created in the Legislative Council should be filled up "forthwith" by the election by the House of Keys of a new Member of the Council to continue until the end of the period for which Mr Radcliffe would have served - until 28th February 2005. Mr President's certificate of the vacancy has been delivered to Mr Speaker, and the matter therefore has now to proceed. Due to the House being in Recess, Mr Speaker has determined that **the period for nominations should run until 5.00 pm on 27th September.**

Section 2 of the 1971 Act requires close of nominations to be not less than ten days before the House sits to consider them. Mr Speaker accordingly has given notice under Standing Order 6(3) that the House will sit **at 10.00 am at Douglas on Tuesday 8th October** to elect a new member of the Legislative Council: the Order Paper will be despatched following close of nominations.

Under section 2 of the Isle of Man Constitution (Elections to Council) Act 1971, **nominations of candidates for election must be delivered to the Secretary of the House of Keys in writing.** The section also requires that nominations must be accompanied by particulars in writing of:

- (a) the qualifications and experience of the candidate, and
- (b) the reasons why the proposer considers the candidate to be suitable to be a member of the Council.

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