



PRESS RELEASE

DECLARATION OF DATE FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL COUNCIL BYE ELECTION IN WARD 405, WESTERN AREA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL, ON SATURDAY, 17th APRIL 2021.

1. In exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 33 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991(Act No. 6 of 1991); and pursuant to provisions of Sections 69 (1) and 70 (1) of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012) and Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2004 (Act No. 1 of 2004), the National Electoral Commission makes the following proclamation:
2. **Saturday 17th day of April 2021** is hereby declared as the day for the conduct of Local Council Bye Election in **Ward 405, Western Area Urban District**.
3. According to a letter from the Chief Administrator of the Freetown City Council, **dated 2nd February 2021**, the vacancy occurred as a result of the death of the late **Councillor Mohamed Jean Thorley,(RIP)** of **Ward 405, Western Area Urban District, Constituency 115**, whose death took place on **Wednesday 20th January 2021**.
4. Nomination of Candidates for the said Local Council Bye Elections shall take place on **Tuesday, 16th– Wednesday, 17th March 2021** at the **NEC District Office, 39 Jenneh-Wright Road, Western Area Urban District**.

5. In accordance with Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 2012, the candidates's nomination fee for the said Local Council Bye Election is **ONE MILLION LEONES ONLY(Le. 1,000,000.00)** per Candidate, payable to the District Returning Officer at the above mentioned address.
6. Qualifications and disqualifications of Councillors are found in Section 6 of the aforementioned Local Government Act, 2004.
7. Other details for the nomination and conduct of the said bye election shall be published by the National Electoral Commission in due course.



Signed and dated this 23rd day of February, 2021.

Mohamed Kenewui Konneh
Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman
National Returning Officer