

As a consequence of the Covid-19 virus, the Returning Officer has taken the decision to suspend scheduled polls due to take place in Cornwall between now and 7 May, 2020.

This includes the Parish Council by-election in the Stratton Ward of Bude Town Council, due to be held today, Thursday, 19 March.

New national guidance issued for Returning Officers on the evening of 18 March confirmed that it would be both reasonable and consistent with the national position for a Returning Officer to suspend any poll scheduled within this period, including those due to take place imminently.

The elections will take place on a new date to be announced.

This decision has been taken with due regard to ensure fair participation in our democracy and the protection of the public and elections staff during this time.