#### SCHEDULE 5

Article 13(5)

#### COMBINATION OF POLLS

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**Explanatory Note** 

#### PART I

#### **GENERAL**

#### Returning officers and polling stations

- **1.**—(1) Where the polls at a Scottish parliamentary general election and an ordinary local government election are taken together under article 13(1)—
  - (a) those functions of the returning officer at the local government election which are specified in paragraph 2 below shall be discharged by the constituency returning officer for the Scottish parliamentary election for such part of the local government area as is situated in the Scottish parliamentary constituency; and
  - (b) only polling stations used for the Scottish parliamentary election shall be used for the local government election.
  - (2) Where the polls for related areas are taken together under article 13(2)–
    - (a) the returning officers for those elections shall decide which returning officer shall discharge in the area in which the polls are combined ("the combined area") those functions of the other which are specified in paragraph 2 below; and
    - (b) the only polling stations which shall be used in the combined area at such elections are the polling stations used at the election for which the returning officer who discharges the functions referred to in sub-sub-paragraph (a) acts as returning officer.

#### Functions at combined polls

**2.**—(1) The functions referred to in paragraph 1 above are the functions conferred or imposed—

- (a) at a Scottish parliamentary election by those rules in the Scottish Parliamentary Election Rules in Schedule 2 which are specified in sub-paragraph (2) below; and
- (b) at a local government election, by those rules in the rules made under section 42 of the 1983 Act which correspond to the provisions specified in sub-paragraph (2) below,

and, where the proceedings on the issue and receipt of postal ballot papers at two or more elections are taken together under paragraph 2 of Schedule 4, the functions conferred or imposed by that Schedule and by Part V of the 1986 regulations.

- (2) The rules referred to in sub-paragraph (1) above are-
  - (a) rule 32(2)(a) (notice of situation of polling stations etc);
  - (b) where the proceedings on the issue and receipt of postal ballot papers at two or more elections are taken together under paragraph 2 of Schedule 4, rule 33 (postal ballot papers);
  - (c) rule 34 (provision of polling stations);
  - (d) rule 35(1) and (2) (appointment of presiding officers and clerks) to the extent that rule concerns the appointment of presiding officers and clerks to assist them;
  - (e) rule 37 (equipment of polling stations);
  - (f) rule 39(a) (notification of requirement of secrecy at polling station);
  - (g) rule 40(4) (signature of certificate as to employment);
  - (h) rule 41(2)(b) (authorisation to order removal from polling station); and
  - (i) in rule 53 paragraph (1) (the count) (as substituted by paragraph 18 of this Schedule) and paragraph (5).

#### Modification of provisions about expenses in this Order and the 1983 Act

- **3.**—(1) Where those functions of a returning officer at an election which are specified in paragraph 2 above are discharged by the returning officer at another election under paragraph 1 above, references to the returning officer or his charges or expenditure—
  - (a) in sub-sections (3), (4), (4A), (4B), (5), (7) and (8) of section 29 of the 1983 Act (payments by and to returning officers) as applied and modified by article 18;
  - (b) in article 19 (taxation of returning officer's account); and
  - (c) in sub-sections (5) and (6) of section 42 of the 1983 Act (expenses at local elections);

shall, to the extent that such functions are so discharged, be construed as references to the returning officer who discharges those functions and his charges or expenditure in respect of those functions.

- (2) The reference in section 42(6) of the 1983 Act to the returning officer or person acting as returning officer requesting an advance in respect of his expenses shall, to the extent that those expenses relate to the functions specified in paragraph 2 above and in respect of the remuneration of presiding officers and clerks include a reference to the returning officer who under paragraph 1 above discharges those functions at the local government election.
- (3) In relation to elections the polls at which are taken together under article 13(1) or (2), the Secretary of State may under section 29(3) of the 1983 Act as applied and modified by article 18 include special provision for services properly rendered, or expenses properly incurred, in respect of the discharge of functions specified in paragraph 2 above, and in respect of the remuneration of presiding officers and clerks, by the returning officer who discharges those functions by virtue of paragraph 1 above.

#### PART II

# MODIFICATIONS OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION RULES TO APPLY WHERE THE POLL AT A SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION IS TAKEN TOGETHER WITH A POLL AT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION UNDER ARTICLE 13(1) OR (2)

#### Modifications of the Scottish Parliamentary Election Rules: general provision

**4.** Where the poll at a Scottish parliamentary election is taken with the poll at a local government election under article 13(1) or (2), the Scottish Parliamentary Election Rules in Schedule 2 to this Order shall have effect subject to the modifications set out in the remaining paragraphs of this Part.

#### Rule 28 (colour of ballot papers)

5. At the end of rule 28 there shall be added—

"The ballot paper to be used at a local government election the poll for which is taken together with the poll at a Scottish parliamentary election shall be of a different colour from that of any ballot paper to be used at the Scottish parliamentary election."

#### Rule 32 (notice of poll)

- **6.** At the end of rule 32 there shall be added—
  - "(3) The notice published under paragraph (2) above shall-
    - (a) state that the poll at the Scottish parliamentary election is to be taken together with the poll at a local government election;
    - (b) specify the relevant local authority and, in the case of a local government election to fill a casual vacancy, the electoral area for which the election is held; and
    - (c) where the polls are to be taken together in part of a Scottish parliamentary constituency only, specify that part.".

#### Rule 36 (issue of official poll cards)

- 7. At the end of rule 36 there shall be added—
  - "(5) An official poll card issued under this rule may be combined with any official poll card issued at a local government election."

#### Rule 37 (equipment of polling stations)

- **8.** After paragraph (1) of rule 37 there shall be inserted—
  - "(1A) A different ballot box shall be used for the poll at the local government election from the ballot box or ballot boxes used for the Scottish parliamentary election.".

#### Rule 38 (appointment of polling and counting agents)

- 9. At the end of paragraph (5) of rule 38 there shall be inserted—
  - "Notices of the appointment of polling agents which are required by this paragraph and paragraphs (6) and (7) below to be given to the returning officer shall be given to the returning officer who discharges the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5.".

#### Rule 43 (questions to be put to voters)

**10.** In question (ii) in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) of rule 43 and in the second question of paragraph (2) of that rule before "election" there shall be inserted "Scottish parliamentary".

#### Rule 45 (voting procedure)

- 11. At the end of rule 45 there shall be added—
  - "(6) Where the poll at a Scottish parliamentary election is taken together with a poll at a local government election the same copy of the register of electors may be used under paragraph (2) above for each election and one mark may be placed in that register under paragraph (2)(d) above or in the list of proxies under paragraph (2)(e) above to denote that a ballot paper has been received in respect of each election; except that, where a ballot paper has been issued in respect of one election only, a different mark shall be placed in the register or, as the case may be, list so as to identify the election in respect of which the ballot paper was issued."

#### Rule 46 (votes marked by presiding officer)

- 12. At the end of rule 46 there shall be added—
  - "(5) Where the poll at a Scottish parliamentary election is taken together with a poll at a local government election the same list of votes marked by the presiding officer may be used for each election and, where it is so used, an entry in that list shall be taken to mean that the ballot papers were so marked in respect of each election, unless the list identifies the election at which the ballot paper was so marked."

#### Rule 47 (voting by blind persons)

- 13. At the end of rule 47 there shall be added—
  - "(10) Where the poll at a Scottish parliamentary election is taken together with a poll at a local government election the same list of blind voters assisted by companions may be used for each election and, where it is so used, an entry in that list shall be taken to mean that votes were so given in respect of each election, unless the list identifies the election at which the vote was so given."

#### Rule 48 (tendered ballot papers)

- 14. At the end of rule 48 there shall be added—
  - "(7) Where the poll at a Scottish parliamentary election is taken together with a poll at a local government election the same tendered votes list may be used for each election and, where it is so used, an entry in that list shall be taken to mean that tendered ballot papers were marked in respect of each election, unless the list identifies the election at which a tendered ballot paper was marked."

#### Rule 50 (adjournment of poll in case of riot)

15. In rule 50(1) for the words "constituency returning officer" there shall be substituted—

"returning officer who discharges the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5".

#### Rule 51 (procedure on close of poll)

- 16. After rule 51(1) there shall be inserted—
  - "(1A) The contents of the packets referred to in paragraph (1)(b) to (e) and (g) to (i) above shall not be combined with the contents of packets made under the corresponding rule that applies at a local government election; nor shall the statement prepared under paragraph (4) below be so combined.
  - (1B) References to the returning officer in paragraph (1) above are references to the returning officer who discharges the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5.".

#### Rule 52 (attendance at counting of votes)

- 17.—(1) For paragraph (1) of rule 52 there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—
  - "(1) Where the constituency returning officer at the Scottish parliamentary election discharges the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5, he shall make arrangements for discharging the functions under rule 53 below (as substituted by paragraph 18 of Schedule 5) in the presence of the counting agents appointed for the purposes of the Scottish parliamentary election as soon as practicable after the close of the poll and for thereafter counting the votes at the Scottish parliamentary election in the presence of those agents; and he shall give to those counting agents notice in writing of the time and place at which he will begin to discharge the functions under rule 53 below (as so substituted).
  - (1A) Where the constituency returning officer at the Scottish parliamentary election does not discharge the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5, he shall make arrangements for counting the votes in the presence of the counting agents as soon as practicable after the delivery of the ballot papers to him by the returning officer who does discharge those functions, and who will give the counting agents notice in writing of the time after which he will begin to count the votes if by then he has received the ballot papers and of the place at which that count will take place."
- (2) In rule 52(2), before "at the counting of the votes" there shall be inserted the words "at the proceedings described in rule 53(1) below (as so substituted) or".
- (3) In rule 52(3) before the words "the counting of the votes" there shall be inserted the words "proceedings described in rule 53(1) below (as so substituted) or " and before the words "the efficient" there shall be inserted the words "the efficient separating of the ballot papers or, as the case may be,".

#### Rule 53 (the count)

- **18.** For rule 53(1) there shall be substituted—
  - "(1) Where the constituency returning officer at the Scottish parliamentary election discharges the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 he shall—
    - (a) in the presence of the counting agents appointed for the purposes of the Scottish parliamentary election open each ballot box;
    - (b) separate the ballot papers relating to the Scottish parliamentary election from the ballot papers relating to the local government election;
    - (c) make up into packets the ballot papers for the local government election (including any postal ballot papers which have been duly returned) and seal them up in separate containers endorsing on each a description of the polling station to which the ballot papers relate;
    - (d) in the presence of the election agents appointed for the purpose of the Scottish parliamentary election, record separately the number of constituency ballot papers

- there are in each box and the number of regional ballot papers there are in each box;
- (e) in the presence of those election agents verify each ballot paper account in relation to the ballot papers for the Scottish parliamentary election;
- (f) count such of the constituency postal ballot papers and regional postal ballot papers as have been duly returned and record separately the number of constituency postal ballot papers counted and the number of regional postal ballot papers counted;
- (g) deliver or cause to be delivered to the returning officer at the local government election to which the ballot papers relate—
  - (i) the containers referred to in sub-paragraph (c) above, together with a list of them and of the contents of each; and
  - (ii) the ballot paper accounts; and
- (h) at the same time deliver, or cause to be delivered, to that returning officer the packets which so relate containing—
  - (i) the unused and spoilt ballot papers;
  - (ii) the tendered ballot papers; and
  - (iii) the counterfoils of the used ballot papers and the certificates as to employment on duty on the day of the poll.
- (1A) Where a constituency returning officer at a Scottish parliamentary election does not discharge the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 he shall—
  - (a) on receipt of containers from the returning officer who does discharge those functions, and after the time specified in the notice given under rule 52(1A) above (as substituted by paragraph 17(1) of Schedule 5), in the presence of the counting agents open each container and record separately the number of constituency ballot papers there are in each container and the number of regional ballot papers there are in each container;
  - (b) in the present of the election agents appointed for the purposes of the election verify each ballot paper account;
  - (c) count such of the postal ballot papers as have been duly returned and record separately the number of constituency ballot papers counted and the number of regional ballot papers counted.".

#### Rule 67 (delivery of documents to the sheriff clerk)

**19.** At the end of rule 67(1) there shall be added—

"At an election where the constituency returning officer does not discharge the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5, this paragraph shall have effect as if paragraphs (d) and (f) were omitted."

#### Rule 70 (countermand or abandonment of poll etc. on death of candidate)

20.—(1) At the end of rule 70(1) there shall be added—

"Provided that neither the countermand of the poll at the Scottish parliamentary election nor the direction that that poll be abandoned under this paragraph shall affect the poll at the local government election."

(2) For paragraph (2) of rule 70 there shall be substituted:—

- "(2) Where the poll at the Scottish parliamentary election is abandoned by reason of a candidate's death, no further ballot papers at that election shall be delivered in any polling station and, at the close of the poll for the local government election, the presiding officer at any polling station shall take the like steps for the delivery to the returning officer of ballot boxes and of ballot papers and other documents as he would be required to do if the poll at the Scottish parliamentary election had not been abandoned, and the returning officer shall dispose of ballot papers used at the Scottish parliamentary election and other documents in his possession as he is required to do on the completion in due course of the counting of the votes, but—
  - (a) it shall not be necessary for any Scottish parliamentary ballot paper account to be prepared or verified; and
  - (b) the returning officer, having separately the ballot papers relating to the local government election shall take no step or further step for the counting of the ballot papers used at the Scottish parliamentary election or of the votes and shall seal up all those ballot papers, whether the votes in them have been counted or not, and it shall not be necessary to seal up counted and rejected ballot papers in separate packets."

#### Form of directions for the guidance of the voters in voting in Schedule 5

**21.** In the Appendix of forms, for form T (giving further information to voters, referred to in rule 37(5)), there shall be substituted form AD set out in the Appendix.

#### PART III

MODIFICATIONS OF THE SCOTTISH LOCAL ELECTION RULES 1986 TO APPLY WHERE THE POLL AT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION IS TAKEN TOGETHER WITH A POLL AT A SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION UNDER ARTICLE 13(1) OR (2)

#### Modifications of the local election rules: general provision

- 22.—(1) Where the poll at a local government election is taken together with the poll at a Scottish parliamentary election under article 13(1) or (2), Schedule 2 to the Scottish Local Elections Rules 1986(1) shall have effect subject to the modifications set out in the remaining paragraphs of this Part.
- (2) In this Part the rules referred to in sub-paragraph (1) above are referred to as "the local election rules".

#### **Rule 1 of the local election rules (timetable)**

**23.** In rule 1 of the local election rules, in the entry relating to polling, for "8 in the morning and 9" there shall be substituted "7 in the morning and 10".

#### Rule 13 of the local election rules (the ballot papers)

24.—(1) At the end of rule 13(2) of the local election rules there shall be inserted—

<sup>(1)</sup> S.I.1986/2213.

- "(e) shall be of a different colour from that of any ballot papers used at a Scottish parliamentary election the poll at which is taken together with the poll at the local government election.".
- (2) At the end of rule 13 of the local election rules there shall be added-
  - "(4) References to a Scottish parliamentary election in paragraph (2)(e) above and elsewhere in these rules refer to an election to the Scottish Parliament; and references to a Scottish parliamentary election (and to a poll at such an election) include a reference to Scottish parliamentary elections (and to polls at such elections) where the context so requires."

#### Rule 17 of the local election rules (notice of poll)

- 25. At the end of rule 17 of the local election rules there shall be added—
  - "(5) The notice published under paragraph (4) above shall-
    - (a) state that the poll at the local government election is to be taken together with the poll at a Scottish parliamentary election;
    - (b) specify the Scottish parliamentary constituency and region and the relevant local authority and, in the case of an election to fill a casual vacancy, the electoral area for which the other election is held; and
    - (c) where the polls are to be taken together in part of the local government area only, specify that part.".

#### Rule 21 of the local election rules (issue of official poll cards)

- 26. At the end of rule 21 of the local election rules there shall be added—
  - "(5) An official poll card issued under this rule may be combined with the official poll card issued at a Scottish parliamentary election."

#### Rule 22 of the local election rules (equipment of polling stations)

- **27.**—(1) After paragraph (1) of rule 22 (equipment of polling stations) of the local election rules there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
  - "(1A) A different ballot box shall be used for the poll at the local government election from the ballot box or ballot boxes used for the Scottish parliamentary election.".
  - (2) For rule 22(5) of the local election rules there shall be substituted—
    - "(5) In every compartment of every polling station there shall be exhibited the notice—"Vote once only on each ballot paper. Put no other mark on each ballot paper or your vote may not be counted."."

#### Rule 23 of the local election rules (appointment of polling and counting agents)

- 28. At the end of rule 23(3) of the local election rules there shall be added—
  - "Notices of the appointment of polling agents which are required by this paragraph and paragraphs (4) and (5) below to be given to the returning officer shall be given to that returning officer who discharges the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999."

#### Rule 28 of the local election rules (questions put to voters)

**29.** In question (ii) in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) of rule 28 and in the second question of paragraph (2) of that rule, after the words "this election" there shall be inserted the words "for this local government area".

#### Rule 30 of the local election rules (voting procedure)

- **30.** At the end of rule 30 of the local elections rules there shall be added—
  - "(4) The same copy of the register of electors may be used under paragraph (1) above for each election and one mark may be placed in that register under paragraph (1)(d) above or in the list of proxies under paragraph (1)(e) above to denote that a ballot paper has been received in respect of each election; except that, where a ballot paper has been issued in respect of one election only, a different mark shall be placed in the register or, as the case may be, list so as to identify the election in respect of which the ballot paper was issued."

#### Rule 31 of the local election rules (votes marked by presiding officer)

31. At the end of rule 31(2) of the local election rules there shall be added-

"The same list may be used for each election and, where it is so used, an entry in that list shall be taken to mean that the ballot papers were so marked in respect of each election, unless the list identifies the election at which the ballot paper was so marked."

#### Rule 32 of the local election rules (voting by blind persons)

32. At the end of rule 32(4) of the local election rules there shall be added—

"The same list may be used for each election and, where it is so used, an entry in that list shall be taken to mean that the votes were so given in respect of each election, unless the list identifies the election at which the vote was so given."

#### Rule 33 of the local election rules (tendered ballot papers)

33. At the end of rule 33(3) of the local election rules there shall be added—

"The same list may be used for each election and, where it is so used, an entry in that list shall be taken to mean that tendered ballot papers were marked in respect of each election, unless the list identifies the election at which a tendered ballot paper was marked."

#### Rule 35 of the local election rules (adjournment of poll in case of riot)

**34.** At the end of paragraph (1) of rule 35 of the local election rules there shall be inserted the words "who discharges the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999.".

#### Rule 36 of the local election rules (procedure on close of poll)

- 35. After rule 36(1) of the local election rules there shall be inserted the following paragraphs—
  - "(1A) The contents of the packets referred to in paragraph (1)(b), (c) and (e) above shall not be combined with the contents of the packets made under the corresponding rule that applies at a Scottish parliamentary election; nor shall the statement prepared under paragraph (3) below be so combined.

(1B) References to the returning officer in paragraph (1) above are references to the returning officer who discharges the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999.".

#### Rule 37 of the local election rules (attendance at counting of votes)

- **36.**—(1) For rule 37(1) of the local election rules there shall be substituted—
  - "(1) Where the returning officer at the local government election does not discharge the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999 he shall make arrangements for counting the votes in the presence of the counting agents after the delivery of the ballot papers to him by the returning officer who does discharge those functions, but not before 10am on the day following the day of the poll, and shall give to the counting agents notice in writing of the time after which he will begin to count the votes if by then he has received the ballot papers and of the place at which that count will take place.
  - (1A) Where the returning officer at the local government election discharges the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999, he shall make arrangements for discharging the functions under rule 38(1) (as substituted by paragraph 37 of Schedule 5 to that Order) in the presence of the counting agents appointed for the purposes of the local government election as soon as practicable after the close of the poll and for thereafter counting the votes at that election in the presence of those agents; and he shall give to those counting agents notice in writing of the time and place at which he will begin to discharge the functions under rule 38(1) (as so substituted).".
- (2) In paragraph (2) of rule 37 before the words "at the counting of the votes" there shall be inserted the words "at the proceedings under rule 38(1) (as so substituted) or".
- (3) In paragraph (3) of rule 37 before the words "counting of votes" in the first place where they occur, there shall be inserted the words "proceedings under rule 38(1) (as so substituted) or the" and before the words "the efficient" there shall be inserted the words "the efficient separating of the ballot papers or, as the case may be,".

#### Rule 38 of the local election rules (the count)

- **37.**—(1) For paragraphs (1) of rule 38 of the local election rules there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—
  - "(1) Where the returning officer at the local government election discharges the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999, he shall—
    - (a) in the presence of the counting agents appointed for the purposes of the local government election open each ballot box;
    - (b) separate the ballot papers relating to the local government election from the ballot papers relating to the Scottish parliamentary election;
    - (c) in the presence of the counting agents appointed for the purpose of the local government election record separately the number of ballot papers for the local government election;
    - (d) if required to do so by a candidate or election agent in the presence of the election agents appointed for the purposes of the local government election verify each ballot paper account;
    - (e) count such of the postal ballot papers for the local government election as have been duly returned and record separately the number counted at each election;

- (f) make up into packets the ballot papers for the Scottish parliamentary election and seal them up in separate containers endorsing on each a description of the polling station to which the ballot papers relate;
- (g) deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the constituency returning officer for the Scottish parliamentary election to which the ballot papers relate—
  - (i) those containers, together with a list of them and of the contents of each; and
  - (ii) the ballot paper accounts; and
- (h) at the same time deliver or cause to be delivered to that officer packets which so relate containing—
  - (i) the unused and spoilt ballot papers;
  - (ii) the tendered ballot papers;
  - (iii) the counterfoils of the used ballot papers; and
  - (iv) the certificates as to employment on duty on the day of the poll.
- (1A) Where the returning officer at the local government election does not discharge the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999, he shall—
  - (a) following the receipt of containers from the returning officer who does discharge those functions but not before 10am on the day following the day of the poll or the time specified in the notice given under rule 37(1) (as substituted by paragraph 36 of Schedule 5 to the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999) in the presence of the counting agents open each container and record separately the number of ballot papers used in the election, checking the number against the ballot paper account;
  - (b) if required to do so by a candidate or election agent in the presence of the election agents appointed for the purposes of the local government election verify each ballot paper account;
  - (c) count such of the postal ballot papers as have been duly returned and record the number counted.".

#### Rule 45 of the local election rules (delivery of documents)

- 38. At the end of rule 45 of the local election rules there shall be added—
- "At an election where the returning officer does not discharge the functions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999, this paragraph shall have effect as if sub-paragraphs (c) and (e) were omitted."

#### Rule 48 of local election rules (countermand or abandonment of poll on death of candidate)

- **39.**—(1) At the end of rule 48(1) of the local election rules there shall be added—
- "Provided that neither the countermand of the poll at the local government election nor the direction that that poll be abandoned shall affect the poll at the Scottish parliamentary election.".
  - (2) For rule 48(2) of the local election rules there shall be substituted—
    - "(2) Where the poll at the local government election is abandoned by reason of a candidate's death, no further ballot papers shall be delivered in any polling station and, at the close of the poll for the Scottish parliamentary election, the presiding officer shall take the like steps for the delivery to the returning officer of the ballot boxes and of ballot papers and other documents as he would be required to do if the poll at the local government election had not been abandoned, and the returning officer shall dispose of ballot papers used at the

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local government election (at which a candidate has died) as he is required to do on the completion in due course of the counting of the votes, but—

- (a) it shall not be necessary for any ballot paper account at that election to be prepared or verified; and
- (b) the returning officer, having separated the ballot papers relating to the Scottish parliamentary election shall take no step or further step for the counting of the ballot papers used at the local government election (at which a candidate has died) or of the votes and shall seal up all of those ballot papers, whether the votes on them have been counted or not, and it shall not be necessary to seal up counted and rejected ballot papers in separate packets.".

#### Local election rules: form of ballot paper

**40.** In the Appendix of forms in Schedule 2 to the local election rules, for the front of the form of ballot paper there shall be substituted— *Form of front of ballot paper* 

Counterfoil No.

The counterfoil is

to have a number
corresponding
with that on the
back of the ballot
paper

### **VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY**

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[Emblem]	BROWN William (an		
	23 High Street, Anytown		
	Scottish Green Party		
[Emblem]	CRANSTON		_
	Helen		
	912 Main Street, Anytown		
	Scottish Liberal Democrats		
	MACDONALD		
[Emblem]	Donald Alexander		
	4 Elgin Avenue, Anytown		
	Scottish Labour Party		
[Emblem]	MASTERS		
	Peter Martin		
	93 Holyrood Road, Anytown		
	Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	•	
	MCKAY		
	Michael Gordon		
	45 Easter Road, Anytown		
	Independent		
<u> </u>	WALLACE		
[Emblem]	Walter Alan		
	112 South Gyle Avenue, Anytown	}	
	Scottish National Party Candidate		

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#### Local election rules: declaration of identity

**41.** In the Appendix of forms in Schedule 2 to the local election rules, for the form of declaration of identity there shall be substituted form AA or, as the case may be, AE set out in the Appendix to this Order.

#### Local election rules: elector's official poll card

**42.** In the Appendix of forms in Schedule 2 to the local election rules, in the form of an elector's official poll card and the form of a proxy's official poll card for "8am to 9pm" there shall be substituted "7am to 10pm".

#### Local election rules: declaration to be made by the companion of a blind voter

- **43.** In the Appendix of forms in Schedule 2 to the local election rules, in the form of declaration to be made by the companion of a blind voter—
  - (a) after "election now being held in this electoral area" there shall be inserted "and the election now being held in this Scottish parliamentary constituency"; and
  - (b) for the words "said election" in both places where they occur there shall be substituted the words "said elections".