
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 140

**The Community Right to Buy (Abandoned, Neglected
or Detrimental Land) (Applications, Ballots and
Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2018**

PART 3

Ballot for purpose of section 97J of the Act

Ballot result

Observer of ballot result

8.—(1) Before conducting the ballot, a Part 3A community body must appoint an observer to oversee, in person—

- (a) the counting of the votes made on the completed ballot papers; and
 - (b) the recording of the result.
- (2) The observer must—
- (a) be an individual who is independent of the Part 3A community body; and
 - (b) sign the declaration on the form specified in schedule 4 confirming that the person oversaw, in person, the counting of the votes made on the completed ballot papers and the recording of the result in accordance with paragraph (1).

Publication of ballot result

9.—(1) The Part 3A community body must, not later than 14 days beginning with the ballot deadline, publish the result of the ballot in the form and manner provided in paragraphs (2) and (3).

- (2) The result of the ballot must—
- (a) be provided in the form specified in schedule 3; and
 - (b) include or be accompanied by information of the kind specified in that schedule.
- (3) The result of the ballot must be published—
- (a) in a digital or paper edition of a newspaper circulating in the area where the community is located; and
 - (b) on a publicly accessible webpage or website that is operated by or on behalf of the Part 3A community body, if such a webpage or website exists.

Form of return to Ministers of ballot result

10. For the purposes of section 97J(4) of the Act a return to Ministers notifying the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of section 97J(4) must be in the form specified in schedule 4.