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SCHEDULE 4

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Instructions for voting by post

Please read through carefully. If you need help, please call us on *[insert helpline number]*

- For your votes to be counted, you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with **all** your ballot papers (listed below).
- Make sure you have filled in the **date of birth** ***[and signature] box[es]** on this postal voting statement.
**Returning Officer to delete where elector is granted a waiver.*

*** UK Parliamentary election (*[insert colour]* ballot paper)**

- Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

*** Scottish local government election (*[insert colour]* ballot paper)**

- [Vote using numbers]
- Put the number 1 in the box next to the name of the candidate who is your first choice
- Then put the number 2 in the box next to the name of the candidate who is your second choice
- Then put the number 3 in the box next to your third choice
- Then put the number 4 in the box next to your fourth choice, and so on
- You can mark as many choices as you wish]

*** European Parliamentary election (*[insert colour]* ballot paper)**

- [Vote **only once** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.]

*** *[Name of election/referendum]* election/referendum (*[insert colour]* ballot paper)**

- [Vote according to the instructions on your ballot paper.]

** Returning Officer to add/amend as appropriate.*

(!) Do not mark the ballot papers in any other way or your votes may not count.

(!) We must get your postal vote by **10pm on *[day]* *[date of poll]*. If you miss the post, you can hand it in at our office or at any polling station in the constituency before **10pm on *[day]* *[date of poll]***.**

(!) After receiving this postal vote, you cannot vote in person at a polling station in this election.

Getting help

- If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling the helpline on *[insert helpline number]*. The person helping you must not tell anyone how you voted.
- Please call the helpline if you require copies of this form or guidance in Braille or languages other than English.
- If you make a mistake, or lose your postal ballot papers or this statement, you can get a replacement. Call us immediately as **we can only issue a replacement before 5pm on *[day]* *[date]* *[name of month]***. If you apply after 5pm on *[day]* before poll we can only issue a replacement if you return this ballot pack by hand. You will need to return all the contents of this postal voting pack to us.

Electoral fraud is a crime. It is an offence to vote more than once in this election unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person.

The Returning Officer issued this statement.

Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.

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Form J: Postal voting statement (for use when a parliamentary poll is combined with another poll but the postal ballots are not combined)