

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 8

Rule 10(5)

Appendix 6A Rule 32(11A)(b)

Guidance for Voters at Combined Polls

1. When you are given your ballot papers, go to one of the polling booths.
2. You have been supplied with [returning officer to insert the number] ballot papers. [The returning officer must then identify which colour of ballot paper is in use at the election of councillors to a county or county borough council and which colour of ballot paper is in use at each relevant election.]
3. [The returning officer must then set out the instructions for marking the ballot paper in use at the election of councillors to a county or county borough council and the instructions for marking the ballot paper at each relevant election. A suitable form of words for the instructions for marking the ballot paper in use at the election of councillors to a county or county borough council would be the following:

“Number the candidates in the order of your choice in the voting boxes opposite the candidates. You can make as many or as few choices as you want to.
Put the number 1 in the voting box next to your first choice.
Put the number 2 in the voting box next to your second choice.
Put the number 3 in the voting box next to your third choice. And so on.

Put no other mark on the ballot paper or your vote(s) may not be counted.”
4. Fold each of the ballot papers in two.
5. Show the presiding officer the number and other unique identifying mark on the back of the ballot papers but do not let anyone see your votes.
6. Put each ballot paper in the appropriate ballot box OR Put the ballot papers in the ballot box.* Then, leave the polling station.
7. If you spoil any of your ballot papers by mistake, show it to the presiding officer and ask for a replacement.

*The returning officer must choose whichever direction is appropriate for the election. In relation to point 6, the first alternative is appropriate where separate ballot boxes are used for each election. The second alternative is appropriate where the same ballot box is being used for each.