

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES: VOTING RIGHTS OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Regulations

2.—(1) The Department may by regulations make provision about the exercise of the powers under paragraph 1.

(2) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1) may, in particular, require schemes for the purposes of paragraph 1 (“voting rights schemes”)—

- (a) to provide for permission to be given only by means of approving a proposal by the committee concerned;
- (b) to provide for a proposal for the purposes of the scheme (“a scheme proposal”) to specify—
 - (i) the person to whom the proposal relates,
 - (ii) the questions on which it is proposed the person should be entitled to vote, and
 - (iii) the proposed duration of the person’s entitlement to vote,and to include such other provision about the form and content of such a proposal as the regulations may provide;
- (c) to provide for a scheme proposal to be made only in accordance with a published statement of the policy of the committee concerned about the making of such proposals;
- (d) to include such provision about the procedure to be followed in relation to the approval of scheme proposals as the regulations may provide.

(3) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1) may include provision for the notification to the Department by councils of the making, variation or revocation of voting rights schemes.

(4) The Department may by direction require a council to vary a voting rights scheme.

3.—(1) A council which makes a scheme for the purposes of paragraph 1 must, while the scheme is in force, make copies of it available at its principal office at all reasonable hours for inspection by members of the public.

(2) If a council makes a scheme for the purposes of paragraph 1, or varies or revokes such a scheme, it must as soon as reasonably practicable after doing so publish in one or more newspapers circulating in its area a notice which complies with this paragraph.

(3) In the case of the making of a scheme, the notice under sub-paragraph (2) must—

- (a) record the making of the scheme,
- (b) describe what it does,
- (c) state that copies of it are available for inspection at the principal office of the council, and
- (d) specify—
 - (i) the address of that office, and
 - (ii) the times when the scheme is available for inspection there.

(4) In the case of the variation of a scheme, the notice under sub-paragraph (2) must—

- (a) record the variation,
- (b) describe what it does,
- (c) state that copies of the scheme as varied are available for inspection at the principal office of the council, and
- (d) specify—
 - (i) the address of that office, and
 - (ii) the times when the scheme is available for inspection there.

(5) In the case of the revocation of a scheme, the notice under sub-paragraph (2) must record the revocation.