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DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No.

POLICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections
and Welsh Forms (Amendment) Order 2022**

Made - - - - *****
Coming into force - - *21st December 2022*

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 58(1), as extended by section 26(3) of the Welsh Language Act 1993(1), and 154(2)(b) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011(2).

The Secretary of State has consulted the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 7(2)(hc) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(3).

In accordance with section 154(2) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation, commencement, transitional provision and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections and Welsh Forms (Amendment) Order 2022.

(2) This Order comes into force on 21st December 2022, but does not apply to an election of a police and crime commissioner in accordance with Chapter 6 of Part 1 of the Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011 where the date of the poll specified in the notice of election is before 4th May 2023.

(3) Amendments made by this Order have the same extent as the provision amended.

(1) 1993 c. 38.
(2) 2011 c. 13. Section 58(1) was amended by transfer of functions orders [S.I. 2014/268](#), [2015/1376](#), [2015/1526](#), [2016/997](#) and [2021/1265](#).
(3) 2000 c. 41. Section 7(2)(hc) was inserted by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), paragraph 11 of Schedule 10.

Amendment of the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012

2. The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012(4) is amended in accordance with articles 3 to 6.

Amendment of article 85

3. In article 85 (translations etc of certain documents), for paragraph (6), substitute—

“(6) The sample copy mentioned in paragraph (5)—

- (a) must have printed at the top of the list of candidates the words “Vote (X) for one candidate only”, and
- (b) may include a translation of those words into such other languages as the local returning officer thinks appropriate.”.

Amendment of Schedule 2

4. In Schedule 2 (absent voting in PCC elections)—

(a) in paragraph 30 (form of postal voting statement)(5)—

- (i) in sub-paragraph (4), omit “appropriate”;
- (ii) for sub-paragraph (6)(b), substitute—

“(b) “the voting instructions for PCC elections” are—

“Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice.””

(b) in paragraph 60 (forms)—

- (i) for Form 2, substitute the Form at Schedule 1 to these Regulations;
- (ii) for Form 4, substitute the Form at Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

Amendment of Schedule 3

5.—(1) Schedule 3 (rules for the conduct of PCC elections where poll not taken together with poll at another election) is amended as follows.

(2) In rule 17 (method of election: contested and uncontested election)—

- (a) omit paragraph (a);
- (b) in paragraph (b), for the words “only two” substitute “two or more”.

(3) In rule 19 (the ballot papers), for paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) The ballot of every voter must consist of a ballot paper which is in Form 8B set out in Part 8 of this Schedule and is printed according to the directions specified in that Part.”.

(4) In rule 29 (equipment of polling stations), omit paragraphs (8) and (9).

(5) In rule 30 (notices for the guidance of voters)(6)—

(a) for paragraph (1)(a) substitute—

“(a) notices for the guidance of voters for exhibition in voting compartments at polling stations in the form “Vote for ONLY ONE CANDIDATE by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice.”; and”;

(4) [S.I. 2012/1917](#).

(5) Paragraph 30 was amended by [S.I. 2014/921](#).

(6) Rule 30 was amended by [S.I. 2014/921](#).

- (b) omit paragraph (3).
- (6) In the cross heading before rule 51, omit “first”.
- (7) In the heading of rule 51 (attendance at the first count), omit “first”.
- (8) In rule 52 (the first count)—
 - (a) in the heading, omit “first”;
 - (b) for paragraph (3), substitute—

“(3) The local returning officer must then count the votes given for each candidate.”.
- (9) In rule 53 (rejected ballot papers)—
 - (a) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (b), omit the words “first preference”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (e), omit the words “as to the first preference vote”;
 - (b) in paragraph (2), for “condition A or condition B” substitute “the condition in paragraph (4)”;
 - (c) omit paragraph (3);
 - (d) for paragraph (4), substitute—

“(4) The condition is that—

 - (a) an intention that a vote is for only one of the candidates clearly appears, and
 - (b) the way the paper is marked does not itself identify the voter and it is not shown that the voter can be identified from it.”;
 - (e) omit paragraph (5);
 - (f) in paragraph (7), in sub-paragraphs (b) and (d), omit the words “as to the first preference vote”;
 - (g) omit paragraph (8).
- (10) In rule 57 (procedure at conclusion of the first count)—
 - (a) in the heading, omit “first”;
 - (b) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) omit sub-paragraph (c);
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (d), omit the words “at an election contested by only two candidates.”.
- (11) In rule 59 (the first calculation and resolution of equality)—
 - (a) in the heading, omit “first”;
 - (b) for paragraph (1), substitute—

“(1) As soon as the police area returning officer has received the information required by rule 57 from every local returning officer, the police area returning officer must ascertain the total number of votes given in the police area to each candidate.”;
 - (c) for paragraph (4), substitute—

“(4) In paragraphs (2) and (3), “the relevant figures” means the total number of votes given in the police area for each candidate.”;
 - (d) omit paragraph (5);
 - (e) in paragraph (6), omit the words before “the person to be returned”;
 - (f) for paragraph (7), substitute—

“(7) Where no single candidate receives a majority of the votes, and the highest number of votes is shared between two or more candidates who have received an equal number of votes, the police area returning officer must decide, by drawing lots, which of those candidates is to be returned to the office of police and crime commissioner for the police area.”

- (12) Omit Part 4 (further provision: three or more candidates).
- (13) In rule 62 (declaration of result)(7)—
- (a) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a), for the words in brackets, substitute “voting at elections of police and crime commissioners”;
 - (ii) omit sub-paragraph (b);
 - (b) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (b), omit the words “first preference”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (c), for “(53(5)), and” substitute “(53(7))”;
 - (iii) omit sub-paragraph (d).
- (14) In rule 63 (return or forfeiture of candidate’s deposit), in paragraph (5)—
- (a) for “first calculation” substitute “calculation”;
 - (b) omit the words “first preference”.
- (15) In rule 70 (forms)—
- (a) in the list of forms—
 - (i) omit the entry for Form 8A,
 - (ii) in the entry for Form 8B(8)—,
 - (aa) omit the words “(two candidates only)”;
 - (bb) for the reference to “rule 19(1)(b)”, substitute “rule 19(1)”;
 - (b) omit form 8A;
 - (c) for form 8B, substitute the form at Schedule 3.

Amendment of Schedule 4

- 6.—(1) Schedule 4 (combination of polls) is amended as follows—
- (2) In paragraph 25 (notices for the guidance of voters)(9), in substituted rule 30—
- (a) in paragraph (3)(a), omit “appropriate” the second time it occurs;
 - (b) for paragraph (3A), substitute—
 - “(3A) For the purposes of this rule, “the voting instructions for PCC elections” are — “Vote for ONLY ONE CANDIDATE by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice.””;
 - (c) omit paragraph (5).
- (3) In paragraph 38 (attendance at verification), in sub-paragraph (3)(a) of substituted rule 48, omit “first”.
- (4) In the heading of paragraph 41 (attendance at the first count), omit “first”.

(7) Rule 62 was amended by [S.I. 2021/1265](#).

(8) Form 8B was amended by [S.I. 2014/921](#).

(9) Paragraph 25 was amended by [S.I. 2014/921](#).

- (5) In the heading of paragraph 42 (the first count), omit “first”.
- (6) In paragraph 51 (modification of paragraph 42 (the first count))(10)—
 - (a) in the heading, omit “first”;
 - (b) in the parenthetical description of paragraph 42, omit “first”.

Amendment of the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Welsh Forms) Order 2012

7.—(1) The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Welsh Forms) Order 2012(11) is amended as follows.

- (2) For article 2(1), substitute—
 - “(1) The form set out in the Schedule is prescribed as the form of the ballot paper which must be used at a PCC election in Wales in place of the form specified by rule 19(1) of the PCC elections rules (the ballot papers).”;
- (3) In the Schedule, for Form A and Form B, substitute the form at Schedule 4.

Amendment of the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Welsh Forms) Order 2021

8.—(1) The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Welsh Forms) Order 2021(12) is amended as follows.

- (2) In article 3 (Welsh versions of forms of words)—
 - (a) omit paragraph (1),
 - (b) in paragraph (2), for Table 1b substitute—

“Table 1b

<i>Form of words</i>	<i>English version in the 2012 Order</i>
Notice for the guidance of voters	Words in quotation marks in rule 30(1)(a)(13) of the PCC elections rules
	Words in quotation marks in rule 30(3A) of the PCC elections rules, as modified by paragraph 25 of Schedule 4(14)

- (3) In Schedule 1 (Welsh versions of forms of words)—
 - (a) omit Part 1A,
 - (b) in the heading of Part 1B, omit the words “where there are two candidates only”.
- (4) In Schedule 3 (Welsh and English versions of prescribed forms)—
 - (a) for Form 2, substitute the form at Schedule 5,
 - (b) for Form 4, substitute the form at Schedule 6.

(10) Paragraph 51 was inserted by [S.I. 2016/300](#).

(11) [S.I. 2012/2768](#).

(12) [S.I. 2021/291](#).

(13) Rule 30(1)(a) is substituted by article 5 of this Order.

(14) Paragraph 25 of Schedule 4 is amended by article 6 of this Order.

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Date

Name
Minister of State
Home Office

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Article 4(b)(i)

Form 2

Postal voting statement	[Space for barcode]												
Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for <i>[insert name of police area] police area</i>													
Date of election <i>[day] [date] [month] [year]</i>													
Important – you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your completed ballot paper for it to be counted.													
Please read the instructions carefully and use a black pen.													
* Name _____ Ballot paper number _____													
* <i>Local Returning Officer to insert name but omit where sent to an anonymous elector</i>													
(!) Check that the number on the back of your ballot paper matches the number shown above. If these do not match, call us immediately on <i>(insert helpline number)</i> .													
I am the person the ballot paper numbered above was sent to.													
My Date of Birth is:	<table border="1"><tr><td><input type="text"/></td><td><input type="text"/></td><td><input type="text"/></td><td><input type="text"/></td><td><input type="text"/></td><td><input type="text"/></td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Day</td><td colspan="2">Month</td><td colspan="2">Year</td></tr></table>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Day		Month		Year	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>								
Day		Month		Year									
* My Signature is: (You must sign inside the box)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 100%;"></div>												
* <i>Local Returning Officer to omit box where the elector has been granted a waiver</i>													
We will check this information against our records for security.													
It is an offence to vote using a ballot ⁷ paper that was not sent for your use or interfere with another voter's ballot paper. It is an offence to vote more than once (unless you are appointed as a proxy) at the same election.													
<i>Local Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.</i>													

Instructions for voting by post

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

1. For your vote to be counted, you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your ballot paper.
2. Make sure you have filled in the **date of birth** **[and signature] box[es]* on this postal voting statement.
**Local Returning Officer to delete where elector is granted a waiver.*
3. Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.
4. Do not mark the ballot paper in any other way or your vote may not count.
5. 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 voting area before **10pm on *[day] [date of poll]***.
6. 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 paper or this statement, you can get a replacement. Call us immediately as **we can only issue a replacement before 5pm on *[day] [date] [month]***.
If you apply after **5pm on *[day before poll]*** we can only issue a replacement if you return this ballot pack by hand.

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 Local Returning Officer issued this statement.

Local Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4(b)(ii)

Form 4

Postal voting statement	[Space for barcode]
Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for [insert name of police area] police area	
Date of election [day] [date] [month] [year]	
<p>Important – you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your completed ballot paper for it to be counted.</p> <p>Please read the instructions carefully and use a black pen.</p> <p>* Name _____ Ballot paper number _____</p> <p>* Local Returning Officer to insert name but omit where sent to an anonymous elector</p> <p>(!) Check that the number on the back of your ballot paper matches the number shown above. If these do not match, call us immediately on (insert helpline number).</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"><p>I am the person the ballot paper numbered above was sent to.</p><p>My Date of Birth is: <input type="text"/><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/><input type="text"/><input type="text"/><input type="text"/><input type="text"/><input type="text"/><input type="text"/></p><p style="text-align: center;">Day Month Year</p><p>* My Signature is: (You must sign inside the box)</p><p>* Local Returning Officer to omit box where the elector has been granted a waiver</p><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 100%;"></div></div> <p>We will check this information against our records for security.</p> <p>It is an offence to vote using a ballot paper that was not sent for your use or interfere with another voter's ballot paper. It is an offence to vote more than once (unless you are appointed as a proxy) at the same election.</p> <p><i>Local Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.</i></p>	

Instructions for voting by post

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

- For your vote to be counted, you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your ballot paper for the **election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for *[insert name of police area]***.
- Make sure you have filled in the **date of birth **[and signature]* box[es]** on this postal voting statement.

**Local Returning Officer to delete where elector is granted a waiver.*

Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for *[insert name of police area]* police area (*[insert colour]* ballot paper)

- Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.
- Do not mark the ballot paper in any other way or your vote 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 _____ area before **10pm on *[day] [date of poll]***.
- After receiving this postal vote, you cannot vote in person at a polling station in this election.

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- If you make a mistake, or lose your postal ballot paper or this statement, you can get a replacement. Call us immediately as **we can only issue a replacement before 5pm on *[day] [date] [month]***. If you apply after **5pm on *[day before poll]*** we can only issue a replacement if you return this ballot pack by hand.

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 Local Returning Officer issued this statement.

Local Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.

SCHEDULE 3






Article 5(15)(c)

Form 8B

Form of front of ballot paper

**Election of Police and Crime Commissioner for (insert
name of police area) police area**

Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice.

BASWRA, Paresh 2 The Cottages, Anytown XY8 9JG Liberal Democrats		<input type="checkbox"/>
CRANLEY, Alana 4 The Walk, Anytown XY9 5JJ Green Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
EDGBASTON, Richard (address in the [] relevant area) Common Good		<input type="checkbox"/>
GUNNIL-WALKER, Roger 33 The Lane, Anytown XY6 3GD Labour Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
SMITH, Catherine Angelina 21 The Grove, Anytown XY2 5JP Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
SMITH, Keith James 3 The Road, Anytown XY3 4JN Conservative Party	 Conservatives	<input type="checkbox"/>
ZANUCK, George Henry 17 The Parade Anytown XY9 5KP United Kingdom Independence Party		<input type="checkbox"/>

Form of back of ballot paper

Number:

Other unique identifying mark:

Election of Police and Crime Commissioner for *[insert name of police area]* police area

on.....20..

Directions for printing the ballot paper

1. "Nothing is to be printed on the ballot paper except in accordance with these directions.
2. So far as is practicable, the arrangements set out in paragraphs 3 to 8 must be observed in the printing of the ballot paper.
3. No word may be printed on the face except:
 - (a) the heading "Election of Police and Crime Commissioner for...police area"
 - (b) the name of the police area
 - (c) the direction "Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice"
 - (d) the particulars of the candidates and words forming part of emblems referred to at paragraphs 7 (a) and (b) below.
4. No rule may be printed on the face except:
 - (a) as part of the box around the direction referred to in paragraph 3(c) above
 - (b) a horizontal rule separating the direction referred to in paragraph 3(c) above from the particulars of the candidates
 - (c) the horizontal rules separating the candidates from one another
 - (d) a final horizontal rule at the foot of the ballot paper
 - (e) as part of the boxes on the right-hand side of the ballot paper.
5. The horizontal rules referred to in paragraphs 4(b), (c) and (d) must be equally spaced.
6. The surname of each candidate is to be printed in large bold capitals, with their forename(s) and other particulars set out in ordinary type.
7. Where an emblem is to be printed against a candidate's particulars:
 - (a) it must be printed along the horizontal rule to the right of the candidate's particulars
 - (b) its size as printed must not exceed two centimetres square.
8. The number and other unique identifying mark shall be printed on the back of the ballot paper."

SCHEDULE 4

Article 7(3)

Ballot paper
Form of front of ballot paper

**Election of Police and Crime
Commissioner for (insert name
of police area) police area**

**Ethol Comisiynydd yr Heddlu a
Throseddau ar gyfer ardal heddlu
(rhowch enw'r ardal heddlu)**

Vote for **ONLY ONE CANDIDATE** by putting a cross **[X]** in the box next to your choice

Pleidleisiwch ar gyfer **UN YMGEISYDD YN UNIG** drwy roi croes **[X]** yn y blwch wrth ymyl eich dewis.

BASWRA, Paresh

Liberal Democrat
Democrat Rhyddfrydol



EDGBASTON, Richard

Green Party
Y Blaid Werdd



SMITH, Catherine Angelina

The Labour Party Candidate
Ymgeisydd Y Blaid Lafur



SMITH, Keith James

The Conservative Party Candidate
Ymgeisydd Y Blaid Geidwadol



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Form of back of ballot paper

Number:

Rhif:

Other unique identifying mark

Nod adnabod unigryw arall

Election of Police and Crime Commissioner for [insert name of police area] police area

Ethol Comisiynydd yr Heddlu a Throseddu ar gyfer ardal heddlu [rhowch enw'r ardal heddlu]

On.....20.....

Ar.....20.....

SCHEDULE 5

Article 8(4)(a)

Form 2 (Bilingual)

<p>Postal voting statement Datganiad pleidleisio drwy'r post</p>	<p>[Space for barcode] [Lle ar gyfer cod bar]</p>
<p>Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for [insert name of police area] police area Etholiad Comisiynydd yr Heddlu a Throseddau ar gyfer ardal heddlu [nodwch enw ardal yr heddlu]</p>	
<p>Date of election [day] [date] [month] [year] Dyddiad yr etholiad [diwrnod] [dyddiad] [mis] [blwyddyn]</p>	
<p>Important – you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your completed ballot paper for it to be counted. Pwysig – mae'n rhaid i chi lenwi'r datganiad pleidleisio drwy'r post hwn a'i ddychwelyd gyda'ch papur pleidleisio wedi ei gwblhau er mwyn iddo gael ei gyfrif.</p> <p>Please read the instructions carefully and use a black pen. Darllenwch y cyfarwyddiadau'n ofalus a defnyddiwch ben du.</p> <p>* Name _____ Ballot paper number _____ * Enw _____ Rhif y papur pleidleisio _____</p> <p>* Local Returning Officer to insert name but omit where sent to an anonymous elector * Y Swyddog Canlyniadau Lleol i nodi'r enw ond ei hepgor os cafodd ei anfon at etholwr dienw</p> <p>(!) Check that the number on the back of your ballot paper matches the number shown above. If these do not match, call us immediately on (insert helpline number).</p> <p>(!) Dylech gadarnhau bod y rhif ar gefn y papur pleidleisio yn cyfateb i'r rhif a ddangosir uchod. Os nad yw'r rhifau hyn yn cyfateb, ffoniwch ni ar unwaith ar (nodwch rif y llinell gymorth).</p>	
<p>I am the person the ballot paper numbered above was sent to. Fi yw'r person yr anfonwyd y papur pleidleisio â'r rhif uchod ato.</p> <p>My Date of Birth is: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Fy Nyddiad Geni yw: Day / Diwrnod Month / Mis Year / Blwyddyn</p> <p>* My Signature is: (You must sign inside the box) Fy Llofnod yw: (Mae'n rhaid i chi lofnodi o fewn y blwch)</p> <p>* Local Returning Officer to omit box where the elector has been granted a waiver Dylai'r Swyddog Canlyniadau Lleol ddileu'r blwch os yw'r etholwr wedi cael ei hepgor</p>	
<p>We will check this information against our records for security. Byddwn yn gwirio'r wybodaeth hon yn erbyn ein cofnodion am resymau diogelwch.</p> <p>It is an offence to vote using a ballot paper that was not sent for your use or interfere with another voter's ballot paper. It is an offence to vote more than once (unless you are appointed as a proxy) at the same election. Mae'n drosedd defnyddio papur pleidleisio rhywun arall i bleidleisio neu ymyrryd â phapur pleidleisio pleidleisiwr arall. Mae'n drosedd pleidleisio fwy nag unwaith yn yr un etholiad (oni chewch eich penodi'n ddirprwy).</p> <p>Local Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate. Y Swyddog Canlyniadau Lleol i ychwanegu canllawiau darluniadol fel y bo'n briodol.</p>	

Instructions for voting by post Cyfarwyddiadau ar gyfer pleidleisio drwy'r post

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

Darllenwch y cyfarwyddiadau'n ofalus. Os bydd angen cymorth arnoch,
ffoniwch ni ar *[nodwch rif y llinell gymorth]*

- For your vote to be counted, you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your ballot paper.
- Er mwyn i'ch pleidlais gael ei chyfrif, bydd yn rhaid i chi llenwi'r datganiad pleidleisio drwy'r post hwn a'i ddychwelyd gyda'ch papur pleidleisio.
- Make sure you have filled in the **date of birth** *[and signature]* box(es) on this postal voting statement.
- Gwnewch yn siŵr eich bod wedi llenwi'r **blwch/blychau dyddiad geni** **[a llofnod]* ar y datganiad pleidleisio drwy'r post hwn.
**Local Returning Officer to delete where elector is granted a waiver.
Y Swyddog Canlyniadau Lleol i'w ddileu os bydd etholwr wedi cael ei heggor.
- Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.
- Pleidleiswch ar gyfer **un ymgeisydd yn unig** drwy roi croes yn y blwch wrth ymyl eich dewis.
- Do not mark the ballot paper in any other way or your vote may not count.
- Peidiwch â marcio'r papur pleidleisio mewn unrhyw ffordd arall neu efallai na chaiff eich pleidlais ei chyfrif.
- 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 voting area before **10pm on [day] [date of poll]**.
- Mae'n rhaid i ni dderbyn eich pleidlais bost erbyn **10pm ar [diwrnod] [dyddiad pleidleisio]**. Os byddwch yn colli'r post, gallwch fynd â'r pleidlais i'n swyddfa neu unrhyw orsaf pleidleisio yn yr ardal pleidleisio cyn **10pm ar [diwrnod] [dyddiad pleidleisio]**.
- After receiving this postal vote, you cannot vote in person at a polling station in this election.
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Local Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate. / Y Swyddog Canlyniadau Lleol i ychwanegu canllawiau dartuniadol fel y bo'n briodol.

SCHEDULE 6

Article 8(4)(b)

Form 4 (Bilingual)

<p>Postal voting statement Datganiad pleidleisio drwy'r post</p>	<p><i>[Space for barcode]</i> <i>[Lle ar gyfer cod bar]</i></p>
<p>Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for <i>[insert name of police area]</i> police area Etholiad Comisiynydd yr Heddlu a Throseddu ar gyfer ardal heddlu <i>[enw ardal yr heddlu]</i></p>	
<p>Date of election <i>[day] [date] [month] [year]</i> Dyddiad yr etholiad <i>[diwrnod] [dyddiad] [mis] [blwyddyn]</i></p>	
<p>Important – you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your completed ballot paper for it to be counted. Pwysig – mae'n rhaid i chi lenwi'r datganiad pleidleisio drwy'r post hwn a'i ddychwelyd gyda'ch papur pleidleisio wedi ei gwblhau er mwyn iddo gael ei gyfrif.</p> <p>Please read the instructions carefully and use a black pen. Darllenwch y cyfarwyddiadau'n ofalus a defnyddiwch ben du.</p> <p>* Name _____ Ballot paper number _____ * Enw _____ Rhif y papur pleidleisio _____</p> <p>* <i>Local Returning Officer to insert name but omit where sent to an anonymous elector</i> * <i>Y Swyddog Canlyniadau Lleol i nodi'r enw ond ei hepgor os cafodd ei anfon at etholwr diennw.</i></p> <p>(!) Check that the number on the back of your ballot paper matches the number shown above. If these do not match, call us immediately on (<i>insert helpline number</i>). (!) Dylech gadarnhau bod y rhif ar gefn y papur pleidleisio yn cyfateb i'r rhif a ddangosir uchod. Os nad yw'r rhifau hyn yn cyfateb, ffoniwch ni ar unwaith ar (<i>nodwch rif y llinell gymorth</i>).</p>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>I am the person the ballot paper numbered above was sent to. Fi yw'r person yr anfonwyd y papur pleidleisio â'r rhif uchod ato.</p> <p>My Date of Birth is: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p> <p>Fy Nyddiad Geni yw: Day/ Diwrnod Month/Mis Year/ Blwyddyn</p> <p>* My Signature is: (You must sign inside the box) <input style="width: 200px; height: 40px;" type="text"/></p> <p>* Fy Llofnod yw: (Mae'n rhaid i chi lofnodi o fewn y blwch)</p> <p>* <i>Local Returning Officer to omit box where the elector has been granted a waiver</i> * <i>Dylai'r Swyddog Canlyniadau Lleol ddileu'r blwch os yw'r etholwr wedi cael ei hepgor</i></p> </div>	
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Instructions for voting by post Cyfarwyddiadau ar gyfer pleidleisio drwy'r post

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- For your vote to be counted, you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your ballot paper for the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for [insert name of police area].
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*Local Returning Officer to delete where elector is granted a waiver.
*Y Swyddog Canlyniadau Lleol i'w ddileu os bydd etholwr wedi cael ei hepgor.

Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for [insert name of police area] police area ([insert colour] ballot paper) Etholiad Comisiynydd yr Heddlu a Throseddau ar gyfer ardal heddlu [nodwch enw ardal yr heddlu] (papur pleidleisio [nodwch y lliw])

- Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.
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- Do not mark the ballot paper in any other way or your vote may not count.
- Peidiwch â marcio'r papur pleidleisio mewn unrhyw ffordd arall neu efallai na chaiff eich pleidlais ei chyfrif.
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012 ([S.I. 2012/1917](#)) (“the 2012 Order”), in consequence of section 13 of the Elections Act 2022 ([c. 37](#)), which provides that the simple majority system is to be used in all elections for certain offices, including police and crime commissioners. This Order updates and replaces references in the 2012 Order to the supplementary vote system, which was previously used for elections for police and crime commissioners where there were three or more candidates.

Article 4 amends Schedule 2 to the 2012 Order which provides for postal and other absent voting.

Article 5 amends Schedule 3 to the 2012 Order, which sets out the rules for the conduct of police and crime commissioner elections.

Article 6 amends Schedule 4 to the 2012 Order which provides for the combination of a police and crime commissioner election with another election.

Article 7 amends the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Welsh Forms) Order 2012 ([S.I. 2012/2768](#)) which includes bilingual versions of ballot papers for elections in Wales, to provide for the simple majority system.

Article 8 similarly amends the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Welsh Forms) Order 2021 ([S.I. 2021/291](#)) which includes other forms for elections in Wales.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.