

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 3

Rules for the conduct of PCC elections where poll not taken together with poll at another election

### PART 3

Contested PCC elections

COUNTING OF VOTES

*The <sup>F1</sup>... count*

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in [Sch. 3 rule 51](#) cross-heading omitted (2.12.2022) (with application in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by virtue of [The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections and Welsh Forms \(Amendment\) Order 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1354\)](#), [art. 5\(6\)](#)

#### The <sup>F1</sup>... count

**52.**—(1) Where the containers referred to in rule 50 are delivered to the place where the counting of votes is to be carried out, the local returning officer must open in the presence of the counting agents all the packets of ballot papers other than those containing unused, spoiled or tendered ballot papers.

- (2) The local returning officer must not count the votes given on any ballot papers until—
- (a) in the case of postal ballot papers, they have been mixed with the ballot papers from at least one ballot box;
  - (b) in the case of ballot papers from a ballot box, they have been mixed with the ballot papers from at least one other ballot box.

[<sup>F2</sup>(3) The local returning officer must then count the votes given for each candidate.]

(4) The local returning officer must not count any tendered ballot paper.

(5) The local returning officer, while counting the votes, must keep the ballot papers with their faces upwards and take all proper precautions for preventing anyone from seeing the numbers or other unique identifying marks printed on the back of the papers.

(6) The local returning officer must so far as practicable proceed continuously with the counting of votes, allowing only time for refreshment, except that the local returning officer may exclude the whole or any part of the period between 7 pm and 9 am on the next day.

(7) During the time so excluded the local returning officer must—

- (a) place the ballot papers and other documents relating to the PCC election under the local returning officer's seal and the seals of any of the counting agents who want to affix their seals, and

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(b) otherwise take proper precautions for the security of the papers and documents.

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Word in [Sch. 3 rule 52](#) heading omitted (21.12.2022) (with application in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by virtue of [The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections and Welsh Forms \(Amendment\) Order 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1354\)](#), [art. 5\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- F2** [Sch. 3 rule 52\(3\)](#) substituted (21.12.2022) (with application in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections and Welsh Forms \(Amendment\) Order 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1354\)](#), [art. 5\(8\)\(b\)](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. A1 para. 4 applied by [S.I. 2023/1150 reg. 23](#)
- Sch. A1 inserted by [S.I. 2023/1150 Sch. 1](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 3(10) amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2023/1147, reg. 17(5)(a)(iii) by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 19\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 3(10) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 17\(5\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 4(6) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 17\(5\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 9A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 29(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 43(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 43A-43D inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(e\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 46A-46E inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(g\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 55(6)-(9) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(h\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 57(1)(g) and word inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(i\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(a)(ii)(iii) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(k\)\(iii\)\(bb\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(c)(ii) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(k\)\(iv\)\(bb\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(7)(ca) inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 24\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 7(14) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147, reg. 17\(5\)\(ca\)\(iii\) \(as inserted\) by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 19\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(6) omitted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 12\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(5) substituted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 12\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 6(5)-(7) substituted for Sch. 2 para. 6(5) by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 17\(5\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(7) word substituted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 12\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(a)(i) words in Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(a) renumbered as Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(a)(i) by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(k\)\(iii\)\(aa\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(c)(i) words in Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(c) renumbered as Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(c)(i) by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(k\)\(iv\)\(aa\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(7)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 12\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(7)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 12\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(7)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 12\(c\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 34(1)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 49(2)(e) and word inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(7\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 70 Form 11 substituted by [S.I. 2023/1147 Sch. 8 Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 70 Form 13 substituted by [S.I. 2023/1147 Sch. 8 Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 70 Form 12 substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 Sch. 6 Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 70 Form 14 substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 Sch. 6 Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 49(2)(c) word omitted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(7\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 37(1)(b) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 17\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 37 table words omitted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 17\(7\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 37 table words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 17\(7\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 32(1)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(7\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 32(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(7\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 27(1)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(8\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 27(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(8\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 27(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 14A inserted by [S.I. 2024/428 reg. 4\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 10 para. 3(1)(b)(v) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(10\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 3A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1150 reg. 36\(3\)](#)

- art. 13(1)(ea) art. 13(1)(ee) renumbered as art. 13(1)(ea) by [S.I. 2024/131 reg. 22\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 13(1)(ea) words inserted by [S.I. 2024/131 reg. 22\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 18A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1141 reg. 4\(2\)](#)
- art. 22(5A)-(5F) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(3\)](#)