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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order sets out the arrangements under which direct elections to the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority shall be conducted.

It designates the returning officer of Stirling Council as the returning officer for each election (article 3) and provides for expenses (article 4).

It divides the National Park into 5 wards, with each ward returning one member (article 5 and the Schedule to the Order).

Provision is made for the filling of casual vacancies (article 8). It sets out provisions relating to qualification and disqualification for membership of the National Park Authority (articles 6 and 7). The timetable for conducting elections and provision regarding notice are detailed in articles 9 and 10.

The procedures for nomination of candidates are detailed in articles 11 to 15. Arrangements for the method of election, manner of voting (only by post), the form of the ballot papers and arrangements for absent voters are detailed in articles 16 to 24.

Part III of the Order sets out arrangements for the issue and receipt of ballot papers, the counting of ballot papers and the declaration of result (articles 25 to 48).

Part IV of the Order includes miscellaneous provisions relating to candidates expenses and election returns (articles 49 to 51).