

## SCHEDULE

### Combination of polls

#### Modification of the Local Elections Rules

**23.**—(1) The Appendix of Forms applies as if—

- (a) in Form 3 (ballot paper)(**1**), on the front of the ballot paper, at the top of that form there were inserted the heading “Local Council Election”;
- (b) in Form 4 (directions as to printing the ballot paper)(**2**), in paragraph 2(a), after “apart from” there were inserted “the heading “Local Council Election” at the top of the ballot paper and”; and
- (c) after Form 5 (declaration of identity)(**3**) there were inserted—

#### **“Declaration of Identity (combined polls) (rule 21)**

**5ZA** *(for use when a local poll is to be combined with a European Parliamentary poll)*

*Front of form*

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(1) This form was amended by [S.I. 2001/417](#) and paragraph 61 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22)

(2) This form was amended by [S.I. 2001/417](#); paragraph 61 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22); and [S.I. 2010/2977](#).

(3) Form 5A was inserted only for the purpose of a combined local and parliamentary election by paragraph 29 of the Schedule to the Elections Act 2001 (c. 7), and that inserted form was amended by [S.I. 2010/2977](#).

**Draft Legislation:** This is a draft item of legislation and has not yet been made as a UK Statutory Instrument. This draft has been replaced by a new draft, *The Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2013* ISBN 978-0-11-110548-1

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION

DECLARATION BY VOTER

To be returned with the *[insert colour of ballot paper]* coloured ballot paper no.  
.....

I am the person to whom the *[insert colour of ballot paper]* coloured ballot paper numbered  
as above was sent.

My date of birth is ..... [DD/MM/YYYY] (you are not required to give your date of  
birth if you are to vote as a proxy for someone else)

Voter's signature .....

CERTIFICATION BY WITNESS

The voter, who is personally known to me, has signed this declaration in my presence.

Witness's signature .....

Name of witness (WRITE CLEARLY) .....

Address of witness (WRITE CLEARLY) .....

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM

*Back of form*

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

1. You must sign this declaration of identity in the presence of a person known to you. You are required to do this even if you have already signed a similar declaration of identity in respect of another election to be held on the same day. That person should then sign this declaration as a witness, adding his or her name and address. Unless you are voting as a proxy, you must also give your date of birth. Without all the above the declaration will be invalid and your vote will not be counted.

2. Mark your vote by putting "1" against the candidate of your first choice, "2" against the candidate of your second choice and so on. Do this secretly. If you cannot vote without assistance, the person assisting you must not disclose how you have voted.

3. You may show your preference for as many or as few candidates as you wish but you should not show the same preference against more than one candidate. Put no other mark on the ballot paper, or your vote may not be counted.

4. Different colours are used for the ballot papers for each election. Each ballot paper has its own ballot paper envelope (the smaller envelope marked "A"), declaration of identity and covering envelope (the larger envelope marked "B"). The covering envelope and declaration of identity for a particular declaration of identity are those which refer to the colour of that ballot paper. It is important that you use the correct envelopes and declaration of identity, otherwise your vote may not be counted. You may find it helpful to sort the documents into separate sets, each consisting of a ballot paper, ballot paper envelope, declaration of identity and covering envelope. Then proceed as follows:-

- (a) place each ballot paper in the correct smaller envelope and seal it;
- (b) put the envelope, together with the correct declaration of identity, in the correct covering envelope and seal it;
- (c) return the covering envelopes without delay. Ballot papers must be received by the returning officer not later than the close of poll.

5. If you receive more than one ballot paper, remember that it is illegal to vote more than once (otherwise than as proxy) at the same election. You are entitled to vote at different elections which are held on the same day.

6. At this election you cannot vote in person at a polling station, even if you receive an official poll card.

7. If you inadvertently spoil your ballot paper, you can apply to the returning officer for another one. With your application you must return, in your own envelope, the spoiled ballot paper, the declaration of identity (make sure it is the correct one) and the envelopes marked "A" and "B" (again make sure they are the correct envelopes). Remember that there is little time available if a fresh ballot paper is to be issued and counted.