

SCHEDULE 3

Combined Authority Mayoral Election (Combination of Polls) Rules

PART 4

Contested elections

Admission to polling station

32.—(1) The presiding officer must exclude all persons from the polling station except—

- (a) voters,
- (b) persons under the age of 18 who accompany voters to the polling station,
- (c) the candidates and their election agents,
- (d) the polling agents appointed to attend at the polling station,
- (e) the clerks appointed to attend at the polling station,
- (f) persons who are entitled to attend by virtue of any of sections 6A to 6D of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000,
- (g) the returning officer and the returning officer’s clerks,
- (h) the combined authority returning officer and the combined authority returning officer’s clerks,
- (i) the constables on duty,
- (j) the companions of voters with disabilities, and
- (k) persons entitled to be admitted to the polling station at a relevant election or referendum with which the poll at the combined authority mayoral election is combined.

(2) The presiding officer must regulate the total number of voters and persons under the age of 18 who accompany them to be admitted to the polling station at the same time.

(3) Not more than one polling agent shall be admitted at the same time to a polling station on behalf of the same candidate.

(4) A constable or person employed by a returning officer or by the combined authority returning officer must not be admitted to vote in person elsewhere than at their own polling station allotted to them under these Rules, except on production and surrender of a certificate as to that person’s employment which must be in the appropriate form in the Appendix, or a form to the like effect (in these Rules referred to as “a certificate as to employment on duty on the day of the poll”), and signed by an officer of police of or above the rank of inspector or by the returning officer or combined authority returning officer, as the case may be.

(5) Any certificate surrendered under this rule must forthwith be cancelled.

(6) In this rule, a reference to a constable includes a person designated as a community support officer under section 38 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (police powers for employees).