

### SCHEDULE 3

#### Combined Authority Mayoral Election (Combination of Polls) Rules

### PART 5

#### Further provision: more than two candidates

#### **The calculation of total votes**

**56.**—(1) The returning officer must add the number of second preference votes given for a candidate to the number of first preference votes given for that candidate, to give that candidate's total number of votes.

- (2) The returning officer must then draw up a provisional statement showing—
- (a) the total number of first preference votes given for each candidate,
  - (b) the total number of second preference votes given for each of the candidates remaining in the contest after the count of the first preference votes,
  - (c) the total number of votes given for each of those candidates, and
  - (d) the number of ballot papers that were—
    - (i) valid as respects a first preference vote given for a candidate who did not remain in the contest after the count of the first preference votes, and
    - (ii) rejected for the purposes of the count of second preference votes on the ground that they were unmarked or void for uncertainty as to the second preference vote.
- (3) As soon as practicable after completion of the statement, the returning officer must—
- (a) provide such of the election agents for those candidates who remain in the contest as are then present with a copy of the statement, and shall give them a reasonable opportunity to satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of the calculation,
  - (b) as soon as practicable inform the combined authority returning officer of its contents.