## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules replace, with minor changes, the provisions for the elections of bench chairmen and deputy chairmen contained in the Justices of the Peace (Size and Chairmanship of Bench) Rules 2002 (SI 2002/193) ("the 2002 Rules") as amended.

The 2002 Rules lapse as a result of the repeal of the Justices of the Peace Act 1997 under which they were made.