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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 1334**

**LONDON GOVERNMENT  
REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE, ENGLAND**

**The Local Government and Greater London  
Authority Elections (Amendment) Rules 2023**

*Made* - - - - *7th December 2023*

*Laid before Parliament* *12th December 2023*

*Coming into force* - - *10th January 2024*

The Secretary of State makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by section 36(1), (2) and (2A) of the Representation of the People Act 1983<sup>(1)</sup>.

The Secretary of State has consulted the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 7(1) and (2)(d) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000<sup>(2)</sup>.

**Citation, commencement, extent and savings**

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Local Government and Greater London Authority Elections (Amendment) Rules 2023 and come into force on 10th January 2024.

(2) These Rules extend to England and Wales.

(3) The amendments made by rules 2 to 4 have no effect in relation to an election in respect of which the date of the poll stated in the notice of election published in accordance with the relevant rule is on or before 1st May 2024.

(4) In paragraph (3), “the relevant rule” means (as the case may be)—

(a) rule 3 of Schedule 2 or rule 3 of Schedule 3 to the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006<sup>(3)</sup>;

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(1) 1983 c. 2. Section 36(1) was amended by section 13(2) of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1). Section 36(2A) was inserted by paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29).

(2) 2000 c. 41. Section 7(2)(d) was amended by paragraph 11 of Schedule 2 to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

(3) S.I. 2006/3304, amended by S.I. 2023/1066; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

- (b) rule 3 of Schedule 2 or rule 3 of Schedule 3 to the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006(4);
- (c) rule 5 of Schedule 1, rule 5 of Schedule 2, rule 5 of Schedule 3, rule 5 of Schedule 5, rule 5 of Schedule 6 or rule 5 of Schedule 7 to the Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2007(5).

#### **Amendment of the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006**

2.—(1) The Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 2 (rules for conduct of an election of councillors of a principal area where poll is not taken together with poll at another election), in Part 7 (appendix of forms), for the form of nomination paper substitute the form in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to these Rules.

(3) In Schedule 3 (rules for conduct of an election of councillors of a principal area where the poll is taken together with the poll at a relevant election or referendum), in Part 7 (appendix of forms), for the form of nomination paper substitute the form in Part 2 of Schedule 1 to these Rules.

#### **Amendment of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006**

3.—(1) The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 2 (rules for conduct of an election of councillors of a parish where poll is not taken together with poll at another election), in Part 7 (appendix of forms), for the form of nomination paper substitute the form in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to these Rules.

(3) In Schedule 3 (rules for conduct of an election of councillors of a parish where the poll is taken together with the poll at a relevant election or referendum), in Part 7 (appendix of forms), for the form of nomination paper substitute the form in Part 2 of Schedule 2 to these Rules.

#### **Amendment of the Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2007**

4. In Schedule 10 to the Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2007 (forms), in Form 15 (official proxy postal poll card) for the rear of the form substitute the rear of the form set out in Schedule 3 to these Rules.

#### **Amendment of the Local Government and Greater London Authority Elections (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023**

5.—(1) Schedule 1 to the Local Government and Greater London Authority Elections (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023 (transitional and savings provisions)(6) is amended as follows.

(2) In Part 2 (principal area councillor elections), in paragraph 8 (poll card forms for certain principal area councillor elections) after sub-paragraph (3) insert—

“(4) Sub-paragraph (5) applies to an election of councillors of a principal area for which—

- (a) the notice of election is published in accordance with the relevant rule on or after 31st January 2024, and

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(4) [S.I. 2006/3305](#), amended by [S.I. 2023/1066](#); there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

(5) [S.I. 2007/3541](#), amended by [S.I. 2023/1233](#); there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

(6) [S.I. 2023/1066](#).

(b) the date of poll stated in that notice is on or before 1st May 2024.

(5) The form of the official postal poll card (to be sent to an elector voting by post) and the form of the official proxy postal poll card (to be sent to an appointed proxy voting by post) in the election conduct rules apply in respect of an election to which this sub-paragraph applies as if, on the back of the form, for the text that begins “vote as a proxy at this election” and ends with “grandchild” there were substituted—

“(in the case of a proxy appointed on or after 31st October 2023) vote as a proxy on behalf of more than four electors, of which no more than two may be on behalf of other domestic electors (a domestic elector is one who is not an overseas or service elector)”.

(3) In Part 3 (parish councillor elections), in paragraph 11 (poll card forms for certain parish councillor elections), after sub-paragraph (3) insert—

“(4) Sub-paragraph (5) applies to an election of councillors of a parish for which—

(a) the notice of election is published in accordance with the relevant rule on or after 31st January 2024, and

(b) the date of poll stated in that notice is on or before 1st May 2024.

(5) The form of the official postal poll card (to be sent to an elector voting by post) and the form of the official proxy postal poll card (to be sent to an appointed proxy voting by post) in the election conduct rules apply in respect of an election to which this sub-paragraph applies as if, on the back of the form, for the text that begins “vote as a proxy at this election” and ends with “grandchild” there were substituted—

“(in the case of a proxy appointed on or after 31st October 2023) vote as a proxy on behalf of more than four electors, of which no more than two may be on behalf of other domestic electors (a domestic elector is one who is not an overseas or service elector)”.

(4) In Part 4 (Greater London Authority elections), in paragraph 14 (poll card forms for certain Authority elections)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (2)—

(i) in paragraph (b), for “this election” substitute “the same election”;

(ii) after paragraph (b) insert—

“(c) Form 13 (official postal poll card) and Form 15 (official proxy postal poll card) apply in respect of an Authority election to which sub-paragraph (3) applies as if, on the back of the form, for the text that begins “vote as a proxy at the same election” and ends with “grandchild” there were substituted—

“(in the case of a proxy appointed on or after 31st October 2023) vote as a proxy on behalf of more than four electors, of which no more than two may be on behalf of other domestic electors (a domestic elector is one who is not an overseas or service elector)”.

(b) after sub-paragraph (2) insert—

“(3) This sub-paragraph applies to an Authority election for which—

(a) the notice of election is published in accordance with the relevant rule on or after 31st January 2024, and

(b) the date of poll stated in that notice is on or before 1st May 2024.”.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

*Simon Hoare*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Levelling Up, Housing and  
Communities

7th December 2023

## SCHEDULE 1

Rule 2

Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006: New forms

### PART 1

Form of nomination paper for an election of councillors of a principal area where poll is not taken together with poll at another election

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**Local Government Elections  
Form of Nomination paper**

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Date delivered	Time delivered	Initials

\* ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS/A COUNCILLOR for the .....

\*Electoral division/ward of the \*county/district/London borough of.....

*\*Delete whichever is inappropriate*

Date of election.....

We, the undersigned, being local government electors for the said \*electoral division/ward, do hereby nominate the under-mentioned person as a candidate at the said election.

Candidate's surname	Other forenames in full	Commonly used surname (if any)	Commonly used forenames (if any)	Description (if any) use no more than six words

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other
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Signature	Print Name	Electoral Number	
		Polling District	Number
Proposer.....	.....	.....	.....
Secunder.....	.....	.....	.....

**NOTES**

1. The attention of candidates and electors is drawn to the rules for filling up nomination papers and other provisions relating to nomination papers contained in the elections rules in Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006.
2. Where a candidate is commonly known by some title they may be described by their title as if it were their surname.

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3. Where a candidate commonly uses a name or names-
  - (a) that are different from the candidate's full names as stated on the nomination paper, or
  - (b) in a different way from the candidate's full names as stated on the nomination paper,

the commonly used name or names may also appear on the nomination paper; but if they do so, the commonly used name or names (instead of any other name) will appear on the ballot paper.
4. But the ballot paper will show the other name if the returning officer thinks -
  - (a) that the use of the commonly used name may be likely to mislead or confuse electors, or
  - (b) that the commonly used name is obscene or offensive.
5. The description, if any, can only be —
  - (a) one certified as an authorised or registered description as mentioned in Rule 5 of the election rules, or
  - (b) the word "Independent".
6. An elector may not —
  - (a) subscribe more nomination papers than there are vacancies to be filled in the electoral area in which the election is held; or
  - (b) subscribe a nomination paper for more than one electoral area in the same \*county/district/London borough.
7. In this form "elector" —
  - (a) means a person whose name is registered in the register of local government electors for the electoral area in question on the last day for the publication of notice of election; and
  - (b) includes a person then shown in the register as below voting age if (but only if) it appears from the register that he will be of voting age on the day fixed for the poll.
8. However, a person who has an anonymous entry in the register of local government electors cannot nominate a candidate for election.

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## PART 2

Form of nomination paper for an election of councillors of a principal area where poll is taken together with the poll at a relevant election or referendum

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\*Electoral division/ward of the \*county/district/London borough of.....

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Date of election.....

We, the undersigned, being local government electors for the said \*electoral division/ward, do hereby nominate the under-mentioned person as a candidate at the said election.

Candidate's surname	Other forenames in full	Commonly used surname (if any)	Commonly used forenames (if any)	Description (if any) use no more than six words

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other
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Signature	Print Name	Electoral Number	
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Proposer.....	.....	.....	.....
Secunder.....	.....	.....	.....

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## SCHEDULE 2

Rule 3

Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006: New Forms

### PART 1

Form of nomination paper for an election of councillors of a parish where poll is not taken together with poll at another election

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**Parish Elections  
Form of Nomination paper**

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ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR(S) for the \*(.....ward of the) parish of.....

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Date of election.....

We, the undersigned, being local government electors for the said \*ward/parish, do hereby nominate the under-mentioned person as a candidate at the said election.

Candidate's surname	Other forenames in full	Commonly used surname (if any)	Commonly used forenames (if any)	Description (if any) use no more than six words

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other
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Signature	Print Name	Electoral Number	
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Proposer.....	.....	.....	.....
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5. An elector may not –
  - (a) subscribe more nomination papers than there are vacancies to be filled in the electoral area in which the election is held; or
  - (b) subscribe a nomination paper for more than one ward in a parish divided into wards.
6. In this form "elector" –
  - (a) means a person whose name is registered in the register of local government electors for the electoral area in question on the last day for the publication of notice of election; and
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## PART 2

Form of nomination paper for an election of councillors of a parish where  
poll is taken together with the poll at a relevant election or referendum

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### Parish Elections Form of Nomination paper

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ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR(S) for the \*(.....ward of the) parish  
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Date of election.....

We, the undersigned, being local government electors for the said \*ward/parish, do hereby  
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7. However, a person who has an anonymous entry in the register of local government electors cannot nominate a candidate for election.
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## SCHEDULE 3

Rule 4

### Greater London Authority Election Rules 2007: New form

#### Form 15 (official proxy postal poll card)

Rear of card

For this election you are proxy for:

\* *[(Elector's name)  
(Elector's address)  
(Elector's number on register)]*


*[the person with this elector number: (Insert elector's number on register)]*


\* *If an anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of square brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of square brackets*

#### How to vote

1. When you receive your postal vote, read the instructions carefully.
2. Your postal vote includes your ballot paper and a postal voting statement.
3. Complete both of these and return them immediately.
4. We need to receive your postal vote by **10pm on [day/date of poll]**.

If you miss the post, you can hand in your postal vote and/or the postal vote of others at the council office during office hours to a person authorised to receive postal votes, or at any polling station in the electoral area before **10pm on [day] [date of poll]**.

 If you need information in another format, please call our helpline below.

 If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling our helpline:

*[insert helpline or other details including website]*

#### If you lose your postal vote or make a mistake

- Please phone the helpline immediately.
- We can only issue a replacement postal vote before **5pm on [day/date of deadline]**.

If you would rather vote in person, you must cancel your postal vote before **5pm on [day/ date of deadline]**. Please note that when voting in person, you must show an accepted form of photographic identification and this must be your own identification, not that of the person you are voting on behalf of. For more information, please *[insert suggestion to call helpline and/or visit a relevant website, as appropriate]*

#### It is an offence to:

- vote using a ballot paper that was not sent for your use or interfere with another voter's ballot paper
- vote more than once at the same election, unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person
- vote as a proxy on behalf of more than four electors, of which no more than two may be on behalf of other domestic electors (a domestic elector is one who is not an overseas or service elector).
- vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote

The Constituency Returning Officer issued this card.

If undelivered return to  
*[insert return address]*

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Rules correct errors in the Local Government and Greater London Authority Elections (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1066) and the Overseas Electors, Postal Vote Handling and Secrecy (Amendment) Rules 2023 (S.I. 2023/1233).

Rules 2 and 3 replace the prescribed form of nomination paper for use at elections of councillors of principal areas and parishes respectively in England. The replacement forms correct formatting errors in the versions of the forms set out in the Local Government and Greater London Authority Elections (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023

Rule 4 replaces the rear of the official proxy postal poll card prescribed for use at Greater London Authority elections for which the date of poll is on or after 2nd May 2024, which was inserted by the Overseas Electors, Postal Vote Handling and Secrecy (Amendment) Rules 2023.

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Rule 5 corrects errors identified by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments in its Fifth Report of 2023-2024 by amending the transitional provisions set out in Schedule 1 to the Local Government and Greater London Authority Elections (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023. New transitional provision is inserted into that Schedule to provide additional modifications for postal poll cards and proxy postal poll cards for use at principal area councillor and parish councillor elections in England, and Greater London Authority elections, for which the notice of election is published on or after 31st January 2024 and the date of poll is on or before 1st May 2024. Rule 5(4)(a)(i) corrects an error in the way that the relevant text in the current poll card referred to is described.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.