

LOCAL ELECTIONS ACT 1986

DOUGLAS BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election of eighteen Members of the Douglas Borough Council, three in each of the six Wards of the Borough, will be held on Thursday, 22nd April, 2004.

Forms of Nomination may be obtained from the undersigned at the Town Hall, Ridgeway Street, Douglas, during normal office hours during the period up to and including Monday, 29th March, 2004.

The form of nomination paper includes instructions as to its completion and signing.

A nomination paper duly completed must be delivered to the undersigned before 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 29th March, 2004, at the Town Hall, Ridgeway Street, Douglas.

In the event of a contested election polling will take place on Thursday, 22nd April, 2004.

Nominated candidates may obtain one copy of the register of electors for the Ward from the undersigned free of charge.

Copies of the Local Elections Act 1986, the Representation of the People Act 1995, the Local Election Rules 2003 and the Local Elections (Absent Voters) Regulations 1996 are available from the Central Reference Library in Government Office.

ABSENT VOTERS

Absent voters' ballot papers can be obtained only by means of an application duly completed and received by the undersigned –

- (a) where the absent voter's ballot paper is to be marked in the Isle of Man, not later than Wednesday, 15th April, 2004;
- (b) where the absent voter's ballot paper is to be marked elsewhere than in the Isle of Man, not later than Wednesday, 8th April, 2004.

Absent voters' ballot papers will be issued to persons whom the Returning Officer has accepted as being entitled to vote at such address in the Isle of Man or elsewhere as notified to the undersigned –

- (a) where the ballot paper is to be marked in the Isle of Man, at least 2 clear days before the day fixed for the poll; or
- (b) where the ballot paper is to be marked elsewhere than in the Isle of Man, at least 9 clear days before the day fixed for the poll.

Provided that where the absent voter's ballot paper is to be marked in the Isle of Man the ballot paper may be delivered to the absent voter at any time before the close of the poll.

Application forms are available from the undersigned during normal office hours.

The Representation of the People Act 1995 enables the following people to be treated as absent voters–

- (a) those unable or likely to be unable, by reason of age, blindness, incapacity, sickness or infirmity, to go in person to the polling station or, if able to go, to vote in person;
- (b) those unable or likely to be unable to go in person to the polling station on the date of the poll by reason of absence from the Isle of Man;
- (c) persons performing official duties in connection with the election.

TAKE NOTICE that all persons who are guilty of bribery, treating, undue influence, personation or other corrupt practices at the election, are, on conviction of such offence, liable to the penalties mentioned in that behalf in the Representation of the People Act 1995.

By Order,

D.R. KING, LL.B.,
Town Clerk,