

ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election of:- **NINE District Commissioners for the Urban Ward;
ONE District Commissioner for the Rural Ward; and
TWO Rural Committee Members for the Rural Ward**

will be held on:

THURSDAY, 22nd APRIL

Forms of Nomination may be obtained from the undersigned at the Commissioners' Offices, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan during normal office hours during the period up to and including the 29th day of 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 the 29th day of March 2004 at the Commissioners Offices, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan.

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

Nominated candidates may obtain one copy of the register of electors for the Urban Ward or Rural Ward of Onchan District as appropriate from the undersigned free of charge.

Copies of the Local Elections Act 1986, the Onchan District 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 Thursday, 15th day of April 2004.
- b. where the absent voter's ballot paper is to be marked elsewhere than in the Isle of Man, not later than Thursday, 8th day of April 2004.

Absent voters' ballot papers will be issued to persons whom the returning officer has accepted as being entitled to vote as such at the 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 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
Commissioners' Office
Hawthorn Villa, Main Road,
ONCHAN

J.E.S. SMITH
Chief Executive/Clerk to the
Onchan District Commissioners