## The Representation of the People Acts 1951 to 1995. The Local Elections Act, 1986. Local Election Rules 2003.

## TOWN OF RAMSEY

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that an Election of SIX Members for North Ward and SIX Members for South Ward will be held on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2004.

Forms of Nomination Papers may be obtained from the Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, during normal office hours up to and including **29**<sup>th</sup> **March**, **2004.** A 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**, **29**<sup>th</sup> **March**, **2004**, at the Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey.

In the event of a contested election polling will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2004.

Nominated Candidates may obtain one copy of the Register of Electors for either North or South Ward from the undersigned free of charge.

Copies of the Local Elections Act, 1986, the Representation of the People Act, 1995, the Local Elections 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 voters' ballot paper is to be marked in the Island, not later than 15th April, 2004,
- (b) where the absent voters' ballot paper is to be marked elsewhere than in the Island, not later than 8<sup>th</sup> 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 date 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 shall on conviction of such offence, be liable to the penalties mentioned in that behalf in the Representation of the People Act 1995.

By Order this 15th day of March, 2004.

T. P. Whiteway, Clerk to the Ramsey Town Commissioners.

Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, Isle of Man.