LOCAL ELECTIONS ACT 1986

LOCAL AUTHORITIES GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a general election for all local authorities will be held on Thursday 24th April 2008.

Forms of nomination may be obtained from the address/office of the Clerk specified below during normal office hours during the period up to and including **Thursday 27**th **March 2008**

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

A nomination paper duly completed must be delivered to the Clerk of the Authority before 5.00pm on **Thursday 27th March 2008** at the address of the Clerk.

In the event of a contested election polling will take place on Thursday 24th April 2008.

Nominated candidates may obtain one copy of the register of electors for their district/ward from their returning officer free of charge.

Copies of the Local Elections Act 1986, the Representation of the People Act 1995, the Local Election Rules 2003 (as amended) and the Local Elections (Absent Voters) Regulations 2008 are available from the Tynwald Library, Legislative Buildings, Douglas, IM1 3PW.

ABSENT VOTERS

Absent voter's ballot papers can be obtained only by my means of an application duly completed and received by the returning officer –

- (a) where the absent voter's ballot paper is to be marked in the Isle of Man, at least 7 clear days before the day fixed for the poll; or
- (b) where the absent voter's 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.

Absent voter's 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 returning officer –

- (a) where the ballot paper is to be marked in the Isle of Man, at least 5 clear days before the day fixed for the poll;
- (b) where the ballot paper is to be marked elsewhere than in the Isle of Man, at least 7 clear days before 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 Returning Officer and at any police station in the district during normal office hours.

The Representation of the People Act 1995 (as amended) provides that a person who is or will be entitled to vote at an election may apply to the returning officer of the district or ward in which that person seeks to exercise his or her vote to be treated as an absent voter.

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

J C Whiteway

Clerk to Braddan Parish Commissioners