



LOCAL ELECTIONS ACT 1986

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF ONCHAN

NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION (CASUAL VACANCY)

Notice is hereby given that a by-election of **ONE member** of the ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS for the period to 1st May 2021 will be held on **THURSDAY 22nd October 2020**.

Forms of nomination may be obtained from the Chief Executive/Clerk, at the Commissioners' Offices, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan during normal office hours during the period up to and including **THURSDAY 24th September 2020**.

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

A nomination paper duly **completed must be delivered to the Chief Executive/Clerk of the Authority before 5:00 pm on 24th September 2020** at the Commissioners' Offices, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan.

In the event of a contested election polling will take place on the **22nd day of October 2020**.

Candidates may obtain a Request for a Register of Electors Form from the Chief Executive/Clerk on receipt of the request one for a Register of Electors form, one copy of the register of electors for the Local Government District of Onchan may be obtained from the Chief Executive/Clerk of the Authority.

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

ABSENT VOTERS

Absent voter's ballot papers can be obtained only by means of an application duly completed and received by the Chief Executive/Clerk of the Authority.

- 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 –

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; or

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 is to be marked in the Isle of Man the ballot may be delivered to the returning officer at any time before the close of the poll.

Application forms are available from the Chief Executive/Clerk during normal working 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 (as amended).

By Order
Commissioners Office
Hawthorn Villa
79 Main Road, Onchan.

DEREK CRELLIN
RETURNING OFFICER