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Election of Councillors for the Isle Of Wight Council Nomination Paper Pack

Please find enclosed a Nomination Paper pack as requested. The pack contains the following items:

- Nomination Paper
- Consent to Nomination
- Appointment of an Election Agent form
- Political Party Certificate of Authority and Emblem Request form
- Election Timetable
- Section 80 Local Government Act 1972
- Declaration of Secrecy
- Candidate Guidance
- Notice of Withdrawal
- Notice of Appointment of Polling Agents
- Notice of Appointment of Counting Agents
- Notice of Appointment of Agents to attend the Opening of Postal Voters' Ballot Box
- Code of Conduct – this is the code that you will have to follow if you are elected and is attached for your information at this stage.

To be a candidate at the above election the nomination paper and consent to nomination must be delivered to the Returning Officer, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1UD by **noon on Friday, 5 April 2013**.

Please ensure that all sections of submitted forms are fully completed, including the name of the Electoral Division for which you are nominated, and the Electoral Numbers of your Proposer, Seconder and Assentors.

If you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Clive Joynes
Deputy Returning Officer

The 39 Isle of Wight Council Electoral Divisions

Electoral Division	Number of Councillors to be elected
Arreton and Newchurch	One
Binstead and Fishbourne	One
Brading, St Helens and Bembridge	Two
Carisbrooke	One
Central Wight	One
Chale, Niton and Whitwell	One
Cowes Medina	One
Cowes North	One
Cowes South and Northwood	One
Cowes West and Gurnard	One
East Cowes	One
Freshwater North	One
Freshwater South	One
Godshill and Wroxall	One
Havenstreet, Ashey and Haylands	One
Lake North	One
Lake South	One
Nettlestone and Seaview	One
Newport Central	One
Newport East	One
Newport North	One
Newport South	One
Newport West	One
Parkhurst	One
Ryde East	One
Ryde North East	One
Ryde North West	One
Ryde South	One
Ryde West	One
Sandown North	One
Sandown South	One
Shanklin Central	One
Shanklin South	One
Totland	One
Ventnor East	One
Ventnor West	One
West Wight	One
Whippingham and Osborne	One
Wootton Bridge	One

Nomination Paper

Isle of Wight Council

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ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR

for

(insert division name) _____ Electoral Division

Date of Election: Thursday, 2 May 2013

We the undersigned, being local government electors for the said Electoral Division, do hereby nominate the under-mentioned person as a candidate at the said election.

PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITALS (except where a signature is required)

Candidate's surname	Other forename(s) in full	Commonly used surname (if any)	Commonly used forenames (if any)	Description (if any) use no more than 6 words	Home Address in full

Title		Email Address		Telephone	
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Signature	Print Name as Signed	Electoral Number	
		Polling District Letters	Number
Proposer			
Secunder			
We the undersigned, being local government electors for the said Electoral Division, do hereby assent to the foregoing nomination			
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- Notes**
- The attention of candidates and electors is drawn to the rules for completing nomination papers and other provisions relating to nomination papers contained in the election rules in the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006.
 - Where a candidate is commonly known by some title they may be described by their title as if it were their surname.
 - Where a candidate commonly uses a name which is different from any other name they have, the commonly used name may also appear on the nomination paper, but if it does so, the commonly used name (instead of any other name) will appear on the ballot paper.
 - But the ballot paper will show the other name if the Returning Officer thinks that the use of the commonly used name may:
 - be likely to mislead or confuse electors, or
 - that the commonly used name is obscene or offensive.
 - The description, if any, can only be:
 - one certified as an authorised or registered description as mentioned in Rule 5 of the election rules, or
 - the word 'independent' (in Wales you may use the word 'Annibynol' instead or use both words).
 - An elector may not:
 - subscribe more nomination papers than there are vacancies to be filled in the electoral area in which the election is held, or
 - subscribe a nomination paper for more than one electoral area in the same *county/district/London borough/county borough.
 - In this form 'elector':
 - means a person whose name is registered in the register of local government electors for the electoral area in question on the last day for the publication of notice of election, and
 - includes a person then shown in the register as below voting age if (but only if) it appears from the register that he will be of voting age on the day fixed for the poll.
 - However, a person who has an anonymous entry in the register of local government electors cannot nominate a candidate for election.

Candidate's Consent to Nomination

(To be given on or within one month before the last day for delivery of nomination papers, and delivered at the place and within the time appointed for delivery of nomination papers)

Election of a Councillor

for

(insert division name) _____ Electoral Division

Isle of Wight Council

Date of Election: Thursday, 2 May 2013

I, (name in full)

Of (home address in full)

hereby consent to my nomination as a candidate for election as a Councillor for _____
(insert division name) Electoral Division.

I declare that on the day of my nomination I am qualified and that, if there is a poll on the day of election, I will be qualified to be so elected by virtue of being on that day or those days a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of another Member State of the European Union, who has attained the age of 18 years and that

* (a) I am registered as a local government elector for the administrative area of the County in respect of (qualifying address in full)

and my electoral number (see note below) is _____ ; **or**

* (b) I have during the whole of the twelve months preceding that day or those days occupied as owner or tenant of the following land or other premises in that area (description and address of land or premises)

_____ ; **or**

* (c) my principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in that County at (give address of place of work and, where appropriate, name of employer)

_____ ; **or**

* (d) I have during the whole of those twelve months resided in that area at (give address in full)

* delete whichever is inappropriate, (but you can include all those that apply)

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am not disqualified for being elected by reason of any disqualification set out in section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972, or any decision made under sections 78A or 79 of the Local Government Act 2000 (copies of which are printed overleaf) and I do not hold a politically restricted post, within the meaning of Part I of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, under a local authority, within the meaning of that Part.

Date of Birth: _____

Signed: _____

Date of Consent: _____

Signed in my presence

Signature of witness: _____

Name **and** address of witness (PLEASE PRINT)

- NOTES:
1. A person's electoral number is his number in the register to be used at the election (including the distinctive letters of the parliamentary polling district in which he is registered).
 2. A candidate who is qualified by more than one qualification may complete any of those that may apply.

Local Government Act 1972

80. Disqualifications for election and holding office as member of a local authority.

(1) Subject to the provisions of section 81 below, a person shall be disqualified for being elected or being a member of a local authority if he –

- (a) holds any paid office or employment (other than the office of chairman, vice-chairman or deputy chairman or, in the case of a local authority which are operating executive arrangements which involve a leader and cabinet executive, the office of executive leader or member of the executive) appointments or elections to which are or may be made or confirmed by the local authority or any committee or sub-committee of the authority or by a joint committee or National Park authority on which the authority are represented or by any person holding any such office or employment; or
- (b) is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order; or
- (c) [This has been removed and no longer applies]
- (d) has within five years before the day of election or since his election been convicted in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man of any offence and has had passed on him a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months without the option of a fine; or
- (e) is disqualified for being elected or for being a member of that authority under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983 or under the Audit Commission Act 1998.

(2) Subject to the provisions of section 81 below, a paid officer of a local authority who is employed under the direction of –

- (a) a committee or sub-committee of the authority any member of which is appointed on the nomination of some other local authority; or
- (b) a joint board, joint authority, economic prosperity board, combined authority, joint waste authority or joint committee on which the authority are represented and any member of which is so appointed;

shall be disqualified for being elected or being a member of that other local authority.

(2AA) A paid member of staff of the Greater London Authority who is employed under the direction of a joint committee the membership of which includes –

- (a) one or more persons appointed on the nomination of the Authority acting by the Mayor, and
- (b) one or more members of one or more London borough councils appointed to the committee on the nomination of those councils,

shall be disqualified for being elected or being a member of any of those London borough councils.

(2A) Subsection (2) above shall have effect as if the reference to a joint board included a reference to a National Park authority.

(2B) For the purposes of this section a local authority shall be treated as represented on a National Park authority if it is entitled to make any appointment of a local authority member of the National Park authority.

(3) Subsection (1)(a) shall have effect in relation to a teacher in a school maintained by the local authority who does not hold an employment falling within that provision as it has effect in relation to a teacher in such a school who holds such an employment.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (1)(d) above, the ordinary date on which the period allowed for making an appeal or application with respect to the conviction expires or, if such an appeal or application is made, the date on which the appeal or application is finally disposed of or abandoned or fails by reason of the non-prosecution thereof shall be deemed to be the date of the conviction.

81. Exception to provisions of section 80

(4) Section 80(2) and (3) above shall not operate so to disqualify –

- (a) any person by reason of his being a teacher, or otherwise employed, in a school or other educational institution maintained or assisted by a county council for being a member of a district council by reason that the district council nominates members of the education committee of the county council

Local Government Act 2000

Persons disqualified by eligible tribunals: the following is the legislation that describes how persons disqualified by certain tribunals are disqualified from standing in local government elections.

78A. Decisions of First-tier Tribunal

[(1) Deleted.]

(2) Where the First-tier Tribunal adjudicates on any matter under this Act, it must decide whether or not any person to which that matter relates has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned.

(3) Where the tribunal decides that a person has not failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned, it must give notice to that effect to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned.

(4) Where the tribunal decides that a person has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned, it may—

(a) take in respect of him any action authorised by regulations made by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this subsection, or

(b) decide to take no action against him.

(5) Regulations made under subsection (4) may in particular—

(a) enable the tribunal to censure the person,

(b) enable it to suspend, or partially suspend, the person from being a member or co-opted member of the relevant authority concerned for a limited period,

(c) enable it to disqualify the person, for a period not exceeding five years, for being or becoming (whether by election or otherwise) a member of that or any other relevant authority.

(6) The reference in subsection (5)(b) to the relevant authority concerned is to be read, in relation to a person who is no longer a member or co-opted member of the relevant authority concerned but is a member or co-opted member of another relevant authority in England, as a reference to that other relevant authority.

(7) Regulations made by the Secretary of State may require the First-tier Tribunal to give a notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned where it decides that a person has failed to comply with the code of conduct of that authority and—

(a) decides to suspend or partially suspend the person,

(b) decides to disqualify the person,

(c) decides to take action against the person other than suspension, partial suspension or disqualification, or

(d) decides to take no action against him.

(8) Regulations under subsection (7) may—

(a) prescribe the content of any notice,

(b) provide for the effect that any notice is to have,

(c) provide for provisions of the regulations to have effect with prescribed modifications where the person concerned is no longer a member or co-opted member of the relevant authority concerned, but is a member or co-opted member of another relevant authority in England

79.— Decisions of case tribunals: Wales

(A1) In this section “Welsh case tribunal” means a case tribunal drawn from the Adjudication Panel for Wales.

(1) A Welsh case tribunal which adjudicates on any matter must decide whether or not any person to which that matter relates has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned.

- (2) Where a Welsh case tribunal decides that a person has not failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned, it must give notice to that effect to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned.
- (3) Where a Welsh case tribunal decides that a person has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned, it must decide whether the nature of the failure is such that the person should be suspended or disqualified in accordance with subsection (4).
- (4) A person may be—
- (a) suspended or partially suspended from being a member or co-opted member of the relevant authority concerned, or
 - (b) disqualified for being, or becoming (whether by election or otherwise), a member of that or any other relevant authority.
- (5) Where a Welsh case tribunal makes such a decision as is mentioned in subsection (4)(a), it must decide the period for which the person should be suspended or partially suspended (which must not exceed one year or, if shorter, the remainder of the person's term of office).
- (6) Where a Welsh case tribunal makes such a decision as is mentioned in subsection (4)(b), it must decide the period for which the person should be disqualified (which must not exceed five years).
- (7) Where a Welsh case tribunal decides that a person has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned but should not be suspended or disqualified as mentioned in subsection (4), it must give notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned—
- (a) stating that the person has failed to comply with that code of conduct, and
 - (b) specifying the details of that failure.
- (8) Where a Welsh case tribunal decides that a person has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned and should be suspended or partially suspended as mentioned in subsection (4)(a), it must give notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned—
- (a) stating that the person has failed to comply with that code of conduct,
 - (b) specifying the details of that failure, and
 - (c) stating that the person is suspended or partially suspended for the period, and in the way, which the tribunal has decided.
- (9) The effect of a notice given to the standards committee of a relevant authority under subsection (8) is to suspend or partially suspend the person concerned as mentioned in subsection (8)(c).
- (10) Where a Welsh case tribunal decides that a person has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned and should be disqualified as mentioned in subsection (4)(b), it must give notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned—
- (a) stating that the person has failed to comply with that code of conduct,
 - (b) specifying the details of that failure, and
 - (c) stating that the person is disqualified for being, or becoming (whether by election or otherwise), a member of that or any other relevant authority for the period which the tribunal has decided.
- (11) The effect of a notice given to the standards committee of a relevant authority under subsection (10) is to disqualify the person concerned as mentioned in subsection (10)(c).
- (12) A copy of any notice under this section—
- (a) must be given to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales,
 - (b) must be given to any person who is the subject of the decision to which the notice relates, and
 - (c) must be published in one or more newspapers circulating in the area of the relevant authority concerned.
- (13) Where the person concerned is no longer a member or co-opted member of the relevant authority concerned but is a member or co-opted member of another relevant authority in Wales—

(a) a copy of any notice under subsection (2), (7) or (10) must also be given to the standards committee of that other relevant authority,

(b) the reference in subsection (4)(a) to the relevant authority concerned is to be treated as a reference to that other relevant authority,

(c) the duty to give notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned under subsection (8) is to be treated as a duty—

(i) to give that notice to the standards committee of that other relevant authority, and

(ii) to give a copy of that notice to the standards committee of the relevant authority concerned,

(d) the reference in subsection (12)(c) to the relevant authority concerned is to be treated as including a reference to that other relevant authority.

(14) A Welsh case tribunal must take reasonable steps to inform any person who made any allegation which gave rise to the adjudication of the decision of the Welsh case tribunal under this section.

(15) Where a Welsh case tribunal decides under this section that a person has failed to comply with the code of conduct of the relevant authority concerned, that person may appeal to the High Court against that decision, or any other decision under this section which relates to him.

(16) An appeal may not be brought under subsection (15) except with the leave of the High Court.

Guidance for candidates and agents: Elections on 2nd May 2013

The following link gives full guidance for potential candidates standing in the local elections this May. It includes both financial and non-financial guidance. It can be found on the Electoral Commission's website at:

<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance/resources-for-those-we-regulate/candidates-and-agents/local-elections-in-england-and-wales>

Further information on these elections is available on the Isle of Wight Council website, iwight.com at:

[http://www.iwight.com/council/electoral_services/Local Elections - May 2013/](http://www.iwight.com/council/electoral_services/Local_Elections_-_May_2013/)

Hard copies of the full guidance may also be obtained from:

Electoral Services
Isle of Wight Council
County Hall
Newport
Isle of Wight
PO30 1UD

01983 821000 electoral.services@iow.gov.uk

A comprehensive programme of training on various aspects of the Council will be provided for elected members once the elections are complete.

Candidates and Agents Meetings:

The Returning Officer will be holding two meetings for Candidates and Agents in advance of the local elections in May.

The meetings will cover a range of aspects, including the electoral process and the timetable from nominations through to the declaration of results. A number of important key points will be highlighted.

We will also cover the Key Priorities of the Council, the Code of Conduct and the Register of Financial Interests, Political Proportionality across committees and the Annual Council Meeting.

The meetings will be held on Monday 11th March and Monday 8th April, in both instances at 1:00pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall, High Street, Newport. Tea, coffee and light snacks will be available from "The Cup and Saucer", located next to the Council Chamber.

In order that we may have an indication of the number of attendees for the meetings, please RSVP to Jill Laurence-Tilley giving your details and the number of attendees.

Jill.Laurence-Tilley@iow.gov.uk 01983 821000

Appointment of Election Agent

ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR

for

(insert division name) _____ Electoral Division

Date of Election: Thursday, 2 May 2013

Candidate's Name	Candidate's Address

a candidate at the forthcoming election as shown above, hereby appoint:

Agent's Name				Home address in full		Election Office Address	
Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Evening Phone		Day Phone	
Elector No.				Email Address			

as my election agent from this date until the return and declaration in respect of election expenses has been submitted.

The office address (as shown above) is the address to which all claims, notices, legal process and other documents may be sent.

Dated _____ **Signed** _____
Candidate at the election

I hereby accept the above appointment

Dated _____ **Signed** _____
Election Agent

NOTE

This form of appointment should be delivered to the Returning Officer at the place appointed for the delivery of nomination papers by the last time for delivery of notice of withdrawal of candidature, i.e. noon on Wednesday, 10 April 2013. If no such appointment is made by that time, the candidate shall be deemed at that time to act as his or her own election agent.

**POLITICAL PARTIES, ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS ACT
REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS**

**Election of a Councillor
for**

(insert division name) _____ Electoral Division

Date of Election: Thursday, 2 May 2013

You may **not** use a description which is likely to lead voters to associate you with a political party unless the description is authorised by a certificate issued by or on behalf of the party's registered nominating officer. You may only use an emblem if your description has been so authorised.

Registered Political Party Description - Certificate of Authority

In accordance with the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act I hereby certify that

name of candidate
is the official candidate of

name of political party
and may use the following description in their nomination paper

authorised description
at the election in (insert division name) _____ Electoral
Division on Thursday, 2 May 2013.

Signed _____ Dated _____
registered nominating officer or authorised person

Name _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

Registered Political Party Emblem – Request*

I request that the party's registered emblem (or if there are more than one registered emblem**, specify which one) appear on the ballot paper against my name, described as follows

Description of emblem

Signed _____ Dated _____
candidate

Name _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

Notes

* If this section is not completed a registered emblem of the party will not appear on the ballot paper against your name

** Where there is more than one registered emblem it would be helpful if the emblem requested to appear on the ballot paper is specified by reference to a representation of the emblem that accompanies this certificate.

Isle of Wight Council Election Timetable of Proceedings for Thursday 2nd May 2013

Publication of Notice of Election	Tuesday 26 March 2013
Receipt of Nominations	noon on Friday 5 April 2013
Publication of Statements of Persons Nominated	noon on Tuesday 9 April 2013
Withdrawal of Candidate	noon on Wednesday 10 April 2013
Appointment of Election Agents	noon on Wednesday 10 April 2013
Publication of Notice of Election Agents	Wednesday 10 April 2013
Last Date for Registration	Wednesday 17 April 2013
Receipt of Postal Vote Applications	5:00 pm Wednesday 17 April 2013
Publication of Notice of Poll	Wednesday 24 April 2013
Receipt of Proxy Vote Applications	5:00 pm Wednesday 24 April 2013
Appointment of Poll and Count Agents	Thursday 25 April 2013
First Day to Issue Replacement Lost Postal Ballot Papers	Friday 26 April 2013
Receipt of Emergency Proxy Vote Applications	5:00 pm Thursday 2 May 2013
Last Day to Issue Replacement Spoilt or Lost Postal Ballot Papers 2013	5:00 pm Thursday 2 May 2013
Day of Poll	7:00 am to 10:00 pm Thursday 2 May 2013
Declaration of Candidates Expenses	Thursday 6 June 2013

DECLARATION OF SECRECY ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

To persons attending at the taking of the poll or the counting of votes at this election

Your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 66, sub-section (1), (2), (3) and (6) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, which are set out below.

These provisions concern the maintaining of secrecy of the voting and should be read carefully before you attend at any polling station or at the counting of the votes.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1983 Section 66, sub-sections (1), (2), (3) and (6)

1. The following persons:-
 - (a) every Returning Officer and every Presiding Officer or clerk attending at a polling station;
 - (b) every candidate or election agent or polling agent so attending; shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of voting and shall not, except for some purpose authorised by law, communicate to any person before the poll is closed any information as to -
 - (i) the name of any elector or proxy for an elector who has or has not applied for a ballot paper or voted at a polling station;
 - (ii) the number on the register of electors of any elector who, or whose proxy, has or has not applied for a ballot paper or voted at a polling station; or
 - (iii) the official mark.
2. Every person attending at the counting of the votes shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of voting and shall not -
 - (a) ascertain or attempt to ascertain at the counting of the votes the number on the back of any ballot paper;
 - (b) communicate any information obtained at the counting of the votes as to the candidate for whom any vote is given on any particular ballot paper.
3. No person shall -
 - (a) interfere with or attempt to interfere with a voter when recording his vote;
 - (b) otherwise obtain or attempt to obtain in a polling station information as to the candidate for whom a voter in that station is about to vote or has voted;
 - (c) communicate at any time to any person any information obtained in a polling station as to the candidate for whom a voter in that station is about to vote or has voted, or as to the number on the back of the ballot paper given to a voter at that station;
 - (d) directly or indirectly induce a voter to display his ballot paper after he has marked it so as to make known to any person the name of the candidate for whom he has or has not voted.
6. If any person acts in contravention of this section, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

Notice of Withdrawal of Candidature

ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR

for

(insert division name) _____ Electoral Division

Date of Election: Thursday, 2 May 2013

I, _____
candidate's name

of _____
candidate's full address

hereby withdraw my candidature from the above election.

Dated _____ **Signed** _____
Candidate

Witnessed by:

Name and address
of witness _____

Dated _____ **Signed** _____
Witness

NOTE

This Notice of Withdrawal should be delivered to the Returning Officer at the place appointed for the delivery of nomination papers by noon on Wednesday, 10 April 2013.

Isle of Wight Council
Election of Councillor for

(insert division name) _____ Electoral Division

Date of Election: Thursday 2 May 2013

Notice of appointment of Polling Agent(s)

I, _____
Name of Election Agent

an Election Agent for _____
Name of Candidate

who is a candidate at the above mentioned election wish to appoint the following people as Polling Agents to attend on my behalf at

_____ Polling Station(s)
_____ Polling Station(s)
_____ Polling Station(s)

Name of Polling Agent(s)	Elector No.	Address(es)

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2013

Signed _____
Election Agent

Notes

- This notice must be delivered to Returning Officer, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight not later than **Thursday 25 April 2013**.
- Either the election agent or the candidate can make the appointments.
- *It would be helpful if the elector numbers were added but it is not essential*

Isle of Wight Council
Election of Councillor for

(insert division name) _____ Electoral Division

Date of Election: Thursday 2 May 2013

Notice of appointment of Counting Agent(s)

I, _____
Name of Election Agent

an Election Agent for _____
Name of Candidate

who is a candidate at the above mentioned election wish to appoint the following people as Counting Agents

Name of Counting Agent(s)	Elector No.	Address(es)
Candidate's Spouse/Partner	Elector No.	

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2013

Signed _____
Election Agent

Notes

- This notice must be delivered to Returning Officer, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight not later than **Thursday 25 April 2013**.
- Either the election agent or the candidate can make the appointments.
- Please contact Electoral Services who will advise on the maximum number of Counting Agents that may be appointed.
- *It would be helpful if the elector numbers were added but it is not essential*

Isle of Wight Council
Election of Councillor for

(insert division name) _____ Electoral Division

Date of Election: Thursday 2 May 2013

**Notice of appointment of Agent(s) to attend
the opening of the Postal Voters' Ballot Box**

I, _____
Name of Election Agent

an Election Agent for _____
Name of Candidate

who is a candidate at the above mentioned election wish to appoint the following people as Agents to attend the opening of the Postal Voters' Ballot Box.

Name of Agent(s)	Elector No.	Address(es)

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2013

Signed _____
Election Agent

Note

- This notice must be delivered to Returning Officer, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight not later than **the time designated for the opening of the Postal Votes.**
- Either the election agent or the candidate can make the appointment.
- *It would be helpful if the elector numbers were added but it is not essential*

THE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Introduction and interpretation

- (a) This Code applies to you as a member of the Isle of Wight Council.
- (b) You should read this Code together with the seven general principles prescribed by the Localism Act 2011 as follows:

SELFLESSNESS - Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits.

INTEGRITY - Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.

OBJECTIVITY - In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

ACCOUNTABILITY - Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

OPENNESS - Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

HONESTY - Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

LEADERSHIP - Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

- (c) It is your responsibility to comply with the provisions of this Code.

- (d) In this Code—

"meeting" means any meeting of—

- (i) the Isle of Wight Council;
- (ii) the Cabinet of the Isle of Wight Council;
- (iii) any of the Isle of Wight Council's or its Cabinet's committees, sub-committees, joint committees, joint sub-committees, panels or area committees;

"member" includes a co-opted member and an appointed member.

In relation to a parish or town council, references to an authority's monitoring officer shall be read as references to the monitoring officer of the Isle of Wight Council under section 55(12) of the Local Government Act 2000.

2. Scope

- (a) Subject to sub-paragraphs b. to e., you must comply with this Code whenever you—
 - (i) conduct the business of the Isle of Wight Council (which, in this Code, includes the business of the office to which you are elected or appointed); or
 - (ii) act, claim to act or give the impression you are acting as a representative of the Isle of Wight Council,

and references to your official capacity are construed accordingly.

- (b) This Code does not have effect in relation to your conduct other than where it is in your official capacity.
- (c) Where you act as a representative of the Isle of Wight Council
 - (i) on another relevant authority, you must, when acting for that other authority, comply with that other authority's code of conduct; or
 - (ii) on any other body, you must, when acting for that other body, comply with the Isle of Wight Council's code of conduct, except and insofar as it conflicts with any other lawful obligations to which that other body may be subject.

3. General obligations

- (a) You must treat others with respect.
- (b) You must not—
 - (i) do anything which may cause the Isle of Wight Council to breach any of the equality enactments (in particular the Equality Act 2010);
 - (ii) bully any person;
 - (iii) intimidate or attempt to intimidate any person who is or is likely to be—
 - 1. complainant,
 - 2. a witness, or
 - 3. involved in the administration of any investigation or proceedings,in relation to an allegation that a member (including yourself) has failed to comply with their Council's code of conduct; or
 - (iv) do anything which compromises or is likely to compromise the impartiality of those who work for, or on behalf of, the Isle of Wight Council.

4. You must not—

- (a) disclose information given to you in confidence by anyone, or information acquired by you which you believe, or ought reasonably to be aware, is of a confidential nature, except where—
 - (i) you have the consent of a person authorised to give it;
 - (ii) you are required by law to do so;
 - (iii) the disclosure is made to a third party for the purpose of obtaining professional advice provided that the third party agrees not to disclose the information to any other person; or
 - (iv) the disclosure is—
 - 1. reasonable and in the public interest; and
 - 2. made in good faith and in compliance with the reasonable requirements of the authority; or
 - (b) prevent another person from gaining access to information to which that person is entitled by law.
5. You must not conduct yourself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing your office or the Isle of Wight Council into disrepute.
6. You—
- (a) must not use or attempt to use your position as a member improperly to confer on or secure for yourself or any other person, an advantage or disadvantage; and
 - (b) must, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of the Isle of Wight Council
 - (i) act in accordance with the Isle of Wight Council reasonable requirements;
 - (ii) ensure that such resources are not used improperly for political purposes (including party political purposes); and
 - (c) must have regard to any applicable Local Authority Code of Publicity made under the Local Government Act 1986.
7. When reaching decisions on any matter you must have regard to any relevant advice provided to you by—
- (a) The Isle of Wight Council's chief finance officer; or
 - (b) the Isle of Wight Council's monitoring officer,
- where that officer is acting pursuant to his or her statutory duties.
8. You must give reasons for all decisions in accordance with any statutory requirements and any reasonable additional requirements imposed by the Isle of Wight Council.

9. Register of Interests

You must complete your register of interest within 28 days of being elected and then update your register of interests within 28 days of any event that requires a change.

10. Declaration of an Interest

If you have a matter due to be considered by the Isle of Wight Council that affects a matter disclosed in your register of interest or your register of disclosable pecuniary interests then you must declare that interest before the matter is being discussed or when that interest becomes apparent.

If the matter relates to an interest in your register of pecuniary interests then you must take no part in its consideration and if it is being considered at a meeting of the (Isle of Wight Council you must leave the room for that item, other than to participate as a member of the public to express your views where public speaking is allowed under the Council's normal procedures. In such cases once you have participated as a member of the public you must leave the room during the remainder of the debate.

11. Register of Gifts and Hospitality

You must register with the Monitoring Officer any gift or hospitality exceeding a value of £50 that you have been offered (whether accepted or not) as part of your role as a member of the Isle of Wight Council.