

Guidance on the Appointment of Polling Agents

Parties and candidates should be aware that the purpose of polling agents is essentially to challenge personation and so those appointed should be capable of carrying out this task.

In order that the staff at polling stations can maintain the secrecy of the ballot and give entry to the polling station only to the authorised persons they will check polling agents seeking admission against a list provided by candidates for that polling station.

The Council therefore require a list of no more than six names of persons who will attend that polling station. We understand that for practical reasons there may be a degree of overlap with attendance at some other nearby polling stations.

The Council will therefore not accept single lists of agents for all polling stations in a council area. You should provide one sheet per polling station with no more than six names listed.

Should you have any queries please contact the relevant Council.