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DIRECTION UNDER THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1983

Pursuant to section 52(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Electoral Commission of 20 February 2012 under section 8(1) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, the Lord President of the Council¹ gives the following direction.

In this direction:

'canvass' means the canvass that a relevant registration officer has a duty to conduct under section 10 in accordance with section 9A of the 1983 Act in 2012;

'relevant registration officer' means a registration officer appointed under section 8 of the 1983 Act for any district or borough or county or county borough that is coterminous with any police area or part of a police area in which an election of a police and crime commissioner is to be held on 15 November 2012; and

'registers' means the registers of parliamentary electors and local government electors that each relevant registration officer has a duty to maintain under section 9 of the 1983 Act.

In exercising his or her duty to conduct the canvass each relevant electoral registration officer must:

1. Commence the canvass as soon as reasonably practicable after 2 July 2012 (if not already commenced);
2. Conclude the canvass on 15 October 2012; and
3. Publish revised versions of the registers pursuant to section 13(1) of the 1983 Act on 16 October 2012.

Given by authority of the Lord President of the Council

¹ Article 3 of the Lord President of the Council Order 2010 provides that the power to give directions, and other powers conferred on the Secretary of State under the 1983 Act are exercisable concurrently by the Secretary of State and the Lord President of the Council.

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