



# **IMPORTANT – DON'T LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE BY POST**

## **New Postal Voting Security Arrangements**

### **The Absent Voting (Transitional Provisions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006**

Section 14 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006, which came into force on 1 January 2007, requires electors who wish to vote by post for any election on or after 3 May 2007 to provide their date of birth and a specimen of their signature.

Your personal identifiers will be stored securely. Each time you vote by post, your signature and date of birth provided on the postal voting statement will be checked against these identifiers, to ensure your postal vote remains secure.

If you are unable to provide a signature, or you are unable to sign in a consistent or distinctive way because of any disability, or you are unable to read or write, the registration officer, in these circumstances, may grant you an exemption, which will mean you will not be required to provide a signature.

**Remember – You must complete and return the enclosed form to be able to vote by post.**

If you wish to change any of your postal voting arrangements or wish to apply for an exemption, please contact the helpline number shown overleaf.

### **Privacy statement**

We will only use the information you give us for electoral purposes. We will look after personal information securely and we will follow data protection legislation. We will not give personal information about you or any personal information you may provide on other people to anyone else or another organisation unless we have to by law. The lawful basis to collect the information in this form is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and exercise of official authority as vested in the Electoral Registration Officer as set out in Representation of the People Act 1983 and associated regulations. Some of the information that is collected in this form is classified as special category personal data. This is processed for reason of substantial public interest as set out in Representation of the People Act 1983 and associated regulations. To process this type of information the Data Controller must have a relevant policy document that sets out how this information will be handled.

The Electoral Registration Officer is the Data Controller:  
Andrew Seekings  
Allerdale Borough Council, Allerdale House, Workington, CA14 3YJ  
01900 702550

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