

## JOB DESCRIPTION

**Job Title: BALLOT BOX RUNNER**

**Accountable to: the relevant RETURNING OFFICER**

**Purpose of Job:** To assist with the retrieval of ballot boxes and equipment from the Presiding Officers at the close of poll.

Once all Presiding Officers have delivered their equipment and paperwork to the count venue, to join with the check-in team to 'bag bust' and sort polling station equipment as advised by Electoral Services.

### **Principal Accountabilities:**

#### Before Election Day

1. Accept your appointment and read and agree to the terms of the Requirement of Secrecy.
2. Provide documentary evidence to Electoral Services of your eligibility to work in the UK.
3. Attend any briefing session as and when required.

#### During the Verification and Count

1. You will be required to be on duty at the times as outlined in your appointment letter – in the event that the verification and/or count takes longer than anticipated, you will be required to remain on duty until completion.
2. To work closely with the Ballot Box Check-In Supervisors, who are checking in all ballot boxes and equipment from Presiding Officers and who will pass these items to you for delivery to the correct area of the count venue.
3. Plastic sacks (clear and opaque) to be taken to the bag busting area of the venue.
4. Ballot boxes and large paper sacks to be taken to the main count hall and lined up, keeping boxes and sacks from each polling station together.
5. To follow any other procedures as instructed by Electoral Services.
6. Once all the boxes and equipment has been returned from the polling stations, to assist with 'bag busting' the equipment, as instructed by Electoral Services.
7. You will be required to assist with clearing the count hall after the Verification and/or Count has finished.

## **Payment**

Payment will be made through the Council's payroll system into your bank account on the date as advised on your appointment letter.

**NB** The particular duties and responsibilities attached to posts are of necessity in many cases somewhat difficult to define in detail, and may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed.

## **Health and Safety**

Every employee while at work has a duty to take reasonable care for the health and safety of himself/herself and of other persons who may be affected by his/her acts or omissions at work - Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

## **Equalities**

The Returning Officer is committed to providing equal opportunities for all with the belief that employing people from different backgrounds with a range of perspectives and experiences helps to deliver high quality, accessible elections to all our residents. Election workers are appointed based on their abilities, regardless of any protected characteristics.

## **Data Protection and Data Security**

As part of the election process, the personal data of voters will be held and processed on behalf of the Returning Officer. As such, workers are legally obliged to protect that information in line with GDPR.