**FORM 1**

# Cyngor Dinas Casnewydd/Newport City Council

# Election of City Councillor on Thursday 5 May 2022

# Notice of appointment of Polling Agent(s)

I, …………., an Election Agent for ……………………………….. 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

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| Signed |  |
|  | Election Agent |

**Note. –** This notice must be delivered to Returning Officer,Canolfan Ddinesig/Civic Centre Casnewydd/Newport NP20 4UR not later than **Wednesday 27 April 2022.**

**FORM 2**

# Cyngor Dinas Casnewydd/Newport City Council

# Election of City Councillor on Thursday 5 May 2022

# Notice of appointment of Counting Agent(s)

I, …………….., an Election Agent for …………………………… who is a candidate at the above mentioned election. Wish to appoint the following person as a Counting Agent.

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DECLARATION OF SECRECY

**ELECTION OF Member of Parliament**

###### 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 not 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.

POLLING AGENTS

###### Introduction

Polling Agents have a right during the hours of poll to attend the polling station(s) to which they are appointed. The main duties are to prevent personation, and to take an exact note of any irregularities, etc. occurring at the station. The agents may keep a copy register of the voters who have polled but when leaving the station must leave the copy of the register otherwise they could be breaking the secrecy of voting.

###### Activities of Polling Agents

They may require the Presiding Officer to put the Statutory Questions to anyone applying for a Ballot Paper, to challenge anyone whom they have reasonable grounds to suspect of personation and to cause the Presiding Officer to have such a person arrested and also to be present at the marking by Presiding Officer of ballot papers of blind persons etc.

The agents are entitled to see the Ballot Box sealed at the opening and close of the poll.

They must have received and read the provisions of secrecy before the opening of the poll, and must aid in maintaining secrecy of voting. They must not give any information to anyone as to who has or has not voted, their number or the official mark.

###### Appointment of Polling Agents

The Candidate or Election Agent may appoint Polling Agents, and

a) the appointment of an agent may be on behalf of more than one candidate.

b) not more than four Polling Agents shall be appointed to attend at any one station.

The Candidate may appoint unpaid Polling Agents, but if paid the appointment must be by Election Agent.

Notice in writing of the appointment, giving names and addresses must be given by Candidate to Returning Officer not less than the fifth day before Poll.

###### Note

Polling Agents must not be confused with candidates "tellers" who have no status whatsoever at a polling station.

###### Location of the Polling Station

The Polling Station is the area containing the polling booths, ballot box and the Presiding Officer's and Poll Clerk's desk.