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PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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All candidates, agents and campaigners

Dear Candidate or Agent

Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner Elections – 2nd May 2024

From the Deputy Chief Constable of Humberside Police and Alan Menzies of East Riding Council (Police Area Returning Officer)

We are writing jointly to all candidates and agents in the forthcoming Police and Crime Commissioner Elections – Humberside 2024. We wish to emphasise the need to maintain high standards of conduct by all concerned.

With this objective in mind, you are invited to sign the voluntary declaration that appears at the end of the [Code of conduct for campaigners: postal voting, proxy voting and polling stations](#). The Code has been endorsed by the major political parties at Westminster and by signing you confirm that you and your supporters will comply with it. The returning officer would be pleased to receive a signed copy from you.

The police and the returning officer's staff have a well-established close working relationship and will work in accordance with APP on policing elections to prevent and detect any wrongdoing.

You are encouraged to make yourself familiar with the [Code of conduct for campaigners: postal voting, proxy voting and polling stations](#) and ensure that anyone who works for you in any capacity during the elections adheres strictly to the Code. You should, therefore, ensure that your campaign workers are familiar with its contents.

We wish to make it absolutely clear that any abuse of the arrangements for postal voting is very likely to constitute an offence under the Representation of the People Act 1983 and will not be tolerated. All candidates, agents and campaigners are expected to do everything within their power to ensure that their campaign workers and supporters do not engage in any abuse of the system for postal voting or any other aspect of the arrangements for the election.

Any suspicion of unlawful conduct should be reported to the returning officer and the police. The returning officer may in turn refer the matter to the police. Humberside Police and the Crown

Chief Constable P Anderson Deputy Chief Constable D Marshall
Assistant Chief Constable (Local Policing) Lisa Hogan Assistant Chief Constable (Crime and Operations) T McLoughlin
Assistant Chief Constable M Walker Assistant Chief Officer C Philpott
Web site: www.humberside.police.uk

Prosecution Service will consider any evidence of unlawful conduct, and prosecutions will be brought against offenders if necessary.

We are pleased that the National Police Chief's Council and the Electoral Commission are closely monitoring cases of alleged electoral malpractice in England and Wales. Of the very few cases where malpractice has been substantiated and where court proceedings were initiated, most have resulted in the offenders being given significant prison sentences.

Please be assured that we are committed to doing all we can to prevent any increase in the number of cases of alleged electoral malpractice at the 2nd May 2024 election, and that where allegations are made we will investigate and prosecutions may result.

Yours sincerely



ALAN MENZIES

Police Area Returning Officer



DAVID MARSHALL

Deputy Chief Constable

Only the following slip should be completed and forwarded to the Police Area Returning Officer at the following email address electoral.services@eastriding.gov.uk or postal address Police Area Returning Officer, Electoral Services, County Hall, Cross Street, Beverley, HU17 9BA.

Please complete and forward to Police Area Returning Officer

I, (print name)standing as a candidate for the office of

Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner at the election being held on 2 May 2024,

agree to abide by the national Code of conduct for campaigners: postal voting, proxy voting and polling stations

Signed

Date