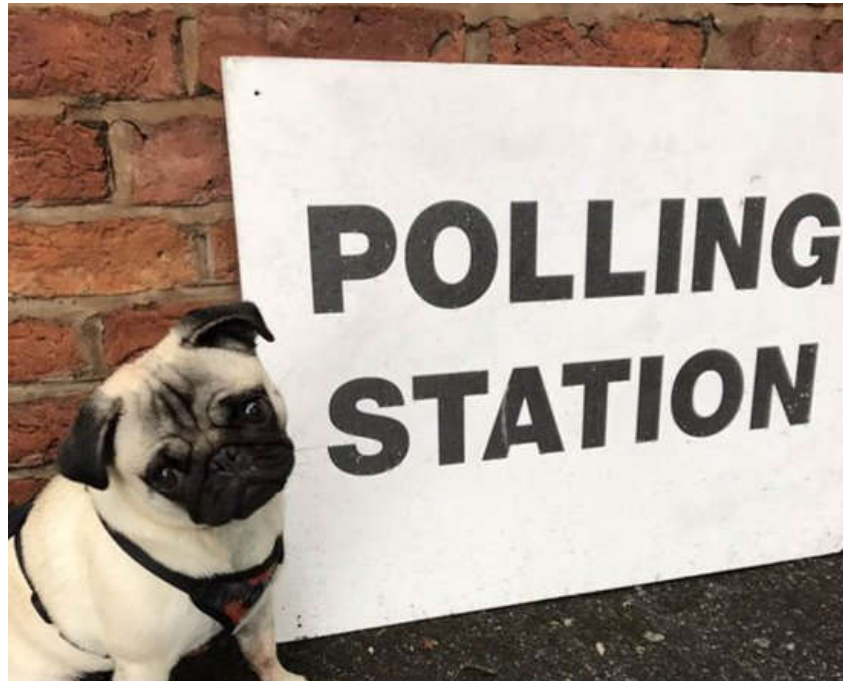


# Coventry Decides



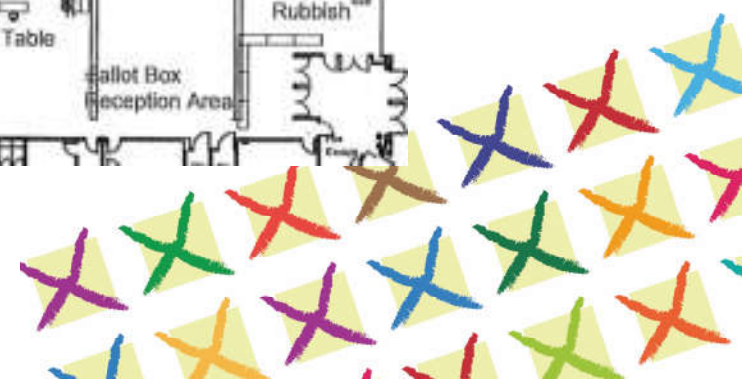
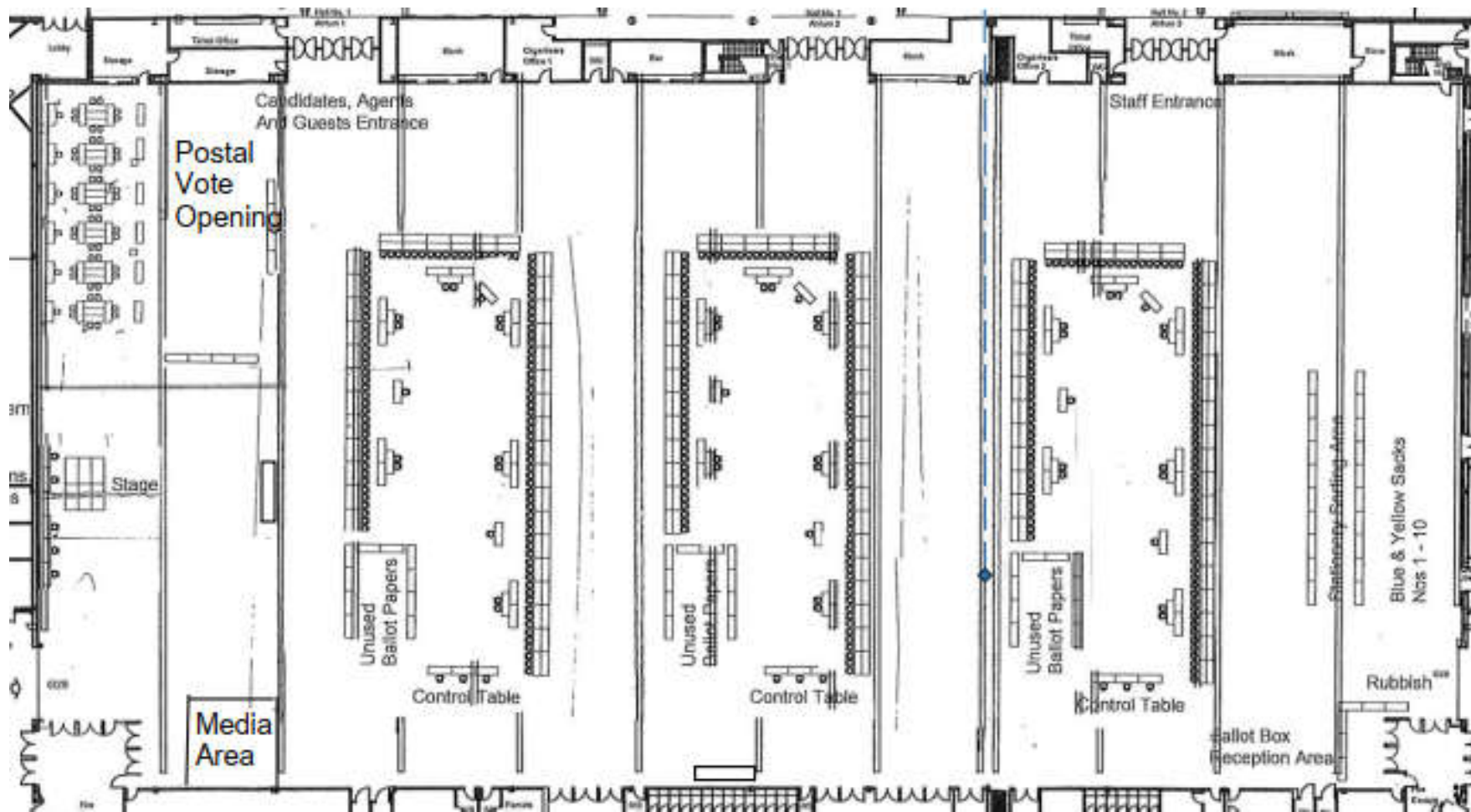
# Senior Count Staff Briefing



## City Council Elections

4 July 2024





# General Information

- 3 Constituencies
- Voting for 1 candidate – 6/7/9 Candidates



# Count roles



- **Senior Count Assistants**
- Assist Supervisors in collecting bundles of '10'
- Bundle flicking and placing on supervisor table
- **Count Supervisors**
- Supervising Counting Assistants
- Sorting doubtfuls
- Completing paperwork
- **Senior Count Supervisors**
- Allocating doubtfuls into appropriate wallets
- Adjudicating with agents
- Checking paperwork before provisional result





# Verification

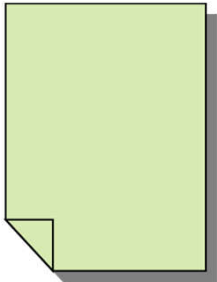


Verification

- 18 count tables
- 3 Mini counts within each Constituency
- 1 box from each station unless they were allocated more than one
- Ensure count assistants open ballot papers and count to 10 so agents can see
- Count Supervisors have responsibility for form filling etc.



# Verification Practical



# Form P1

## Parliamentary General Election

Election Date: Thursday 4 July 2024  
Parliamentary General: **Coventry South**

### Ballot Box Record Card

Ballot Box No. **95**

No. of ballot papers on the ballot paper account

	No of ballot papers on the Ballot Paper Account signed by the Presiding Officer
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	No of ballot papers arrived at after 1 <sup>st</sup> Count	Count supervisor Initials:
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	No of ballot papers arrived at after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Count	Count supervisor Initials:
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	No of ballot papers arrived at after 3 <sup>rd</sup> Count	Count supervisor Initials:
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	No of ballot papers arrived out after 4 <sup>th</sup> Count	Count supervisor Initials:
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**Enter final figure onto form L3; put this form in Control table tray.**





# Form P2

## Parliamentary General Election

Election Date: Thursday 4 July 2024

Parliamentary General: **Coventry South**

### Postal Vote Ballot Box Record Card

Ballot Box No. **1**

	No of ballot papers on the Statement of Postal Ballot Papers
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	No of ballot papers arrived at after 1 <sup>st</sup> Count	Count supervisor Initials:
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	No of ballot papers arrived at after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Count	Count supervisor Initials:
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	No of ballot papers arrived at after 3 <sup>rd</sup> Count	Count supervisor Initials:
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	No of ballot papers arrived out after 4 <sup>th</sup> Count	Count supervisor Initials:
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# Form P3

## Coventry South Verification of Ballot Paper Report

Parliamentary General Election  
Date of Election: Thursday 4 July 2024

	Polling Station	Ballot Box Count	No of Ballot Papers Verified	Difference
95	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 109 Tonbridge Road	1		
96	Christ Church Cheylesmore, 9 Frankpledge Road	2		
97	Portacabin, Adj. 105/107 Sedgemoor Road, Coventry	1		
98	Cheylesmore Community Centre, 111 Arundel Road	2		
99	Manor Park Primary School, Ulverscroft Road	1		
100	Quinton Park Baptist Church Hall, Quinton Park	2		
102	Coventry Resource Centre for the Blind, 33 Earlsdon Avenue South	2		
	Postal Voters Ballot Box 1			
	Postal Voters Ballot Box 2			
	<b>Totals</b>			



# Count



- Ballot papers sorted by Candidate
- Counted for each candidate
- Layout on table with candidate name cards in order they appear on the Ballot paper
- Doubtful ballot papers adjudicated
- Draft statement produced – Candidate Record Card
- SCS – checks figures against table and signs off



# Mini Count Control

## Count Area A MINI COUNT CONTROL Coventry East

Description	Count
Vacant Seats	1
Verified [A] (Tables 1 & 2)	0

Candidate	Votes
BEDSON, Paul      Workers Party	
CREAGH, Mary      Labour Party	
GRAY, Stephen      Green Party	
LESADD, Sarah      The Conservative Party Candidate	
MASSIMI, Mike      Liberal Democrat	
NELLIST, Dave      Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	
SUFYAN, Iddrisu      Reform UK	
TOTAL [B]	

Description	Count
A want of an official mark*	
B voting for more than permitted number*	
C writing or mark by which the voter could be identified*	
D unmarked or void for uncertainty*	
E Reject in part	
TOTAL* [C]	

Control	
TOTAL [B]	
TOTAL [C]	
TOTAL [B] + [C]	
TOTAL A	0
BALANCE [B] + [C] – [A]	

Checks	Tick
Flick Checks	
Double check candidate totals	

Signed	Date & Time



# Doubtful Ballot Papers

- 4 reasons for rejection
- Want of official mark
- Voting for more than one candidate
- Writing or mark by which voter could be identified
- Unmarked or void for uncertainty
- Folder for Good papers





# Important Information

- Be careful of terminology that you use eg: the figures do not balance NOT we have lost 100 votes
- There is a script with frequently asked questions which I have circulated
- Communication Channels



# Result

- Once the provisional result is prepared DRO will discuss with Candidates and Agents – Senior Count Supervisors will go with DRO so can then take back if a recount is required
- Recount
- No recount we will prepare the result for declaration
- Staff to help tidy up but not during declarations



# Final Points



- Open and transparent
- Communication via SCS
- Collection of staff at beginning
- Names of staff
- Refreshments



# QUESTIONS

