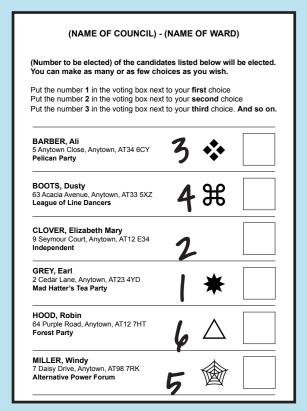
Doubtful ballot papers – allowed votes

Suggested examples of allowed votes are provided here. All of these examples are based on the specific rules for the elections. Ultimately the decision on any particular ballot paper rests with the Returning Officer.

References are to the election rules: Schedule 2 of the Scottish Local Government Elections Order 2011.



Allow – Rule 44(2)(a), elsewhere than in the proper place.

| (NAME OF COUNCIL) - (NAME OF WARD) | | |
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| (Number to be elected) of the candidates You can make as many or as few choice | | |
| Put the number 1 in the voting box next to Put the number 2 in the voting box next to Put the number 3 in the voting box next to | your second choice | |
| BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party | \$ 5 | |
| BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers | ₩ 🖟 | |
| CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent | 1 | |
| GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party | * 2 | |
| HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party | \triangle [| |
| MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum | \$ 3 | |

Partially accept – allow for Hood, Grey and Miller as first, second and third preference respectively. Rule 44 (2)(c), by more than one mark.

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| (Number to be elected) of the candidates You can make as many or as few choice | |
| Put the number 1 in the voting box next to Put the number 2 in the voting box next to Put the number 3 in the voting box next to | your second choice |
| BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party | * |
| BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers | # 2 |
| CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent | |
| GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party | * |
| HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party | Δ |
| MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum | |

Allow for Hood, Miller and Boots as first, second and third preference respectively. Rule 44(2)(c), by more than one mark.

| (NAME OF COUNCIL) - (N. | AME OF WARD) |) |
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| (Number to be elected) of the candidates You can make as many or as few choice | | be elected |
| Put the number 1 in the voting box next to Put the number 2 in the voting box next to Put the number 3 in the voting box next to | your second choic | |
| BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party | * | 3 |
| BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers | \mathbb{H} | |
| CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent | | 2 |
| GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party | * | 3 |
| HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party | Δ | 3 |
| MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum | | 3 |

Partially accept – allow for Boots and Clover as first and second preference respectively. Thereafter the ballot becomes non-transferable as the next preference is not clear.

| (Number to be elected) of the candidates You can make as many or as few choice | | be elected |
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| Put the number 1 in the voting box next to Put the number 2 in the voting box next to Put the number 3 in the voting box next to | your second choi | |
| BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party | * | two |
| BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers | \mathbb{H} | one |
| CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent | | |
| GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party | * | |
| HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party | Δ | three |
| MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum | | four |

Allow – Rule 44(2)(b), otherwise than by means of a figure.

| (NAME OF COUNCIL) - (NAME OF WARD) | | |
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| Number to be elected) of the candidates You can make as many or as few choice | | |
| Put the number 1 in the voting box next to put the number 2 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the voting box next to put the number 3 in the number 3 in the number 3 in | your second choice | |
| BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party | * | |
| BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers | # | |
| CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent | | |
| GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party | * | |
| HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party | Δ | |
| MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum | miller | |

Allow for Miller as first preference (provided there is no other candidate called Miller). Rule 44(2)(b), otherwise than by means of a figure.

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| (Number to be elected) of the candidates You can make as many or as few choice | | oe elected |
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| Put the number 1 in the voting box next to Put the number 2 in the voting box next to Put the number 3 in the voting box next to | your second choic | |
| BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party | * | X |
| BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers | \mathfrak{H} | 3 |
| CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent | | 4 |
| GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party | * | 2 |
| HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party | \triangle | |
| MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK | | |

Allow – 'X' is taken as first preference for Barber. Rule 44(2)(b), otherwise than by means of a figure. Allow for Grey, Boots and Clover as second, third and fourth respectively.

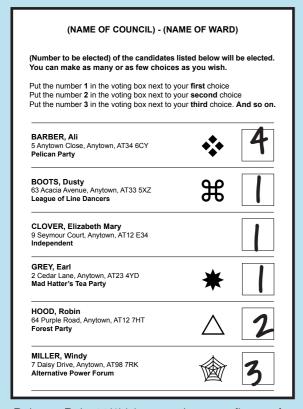
| (NAME OF COUNCIL) - (NAME OF WARD) | |
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| (Number to be elected) of the candidates You can make as many or as few choice | |
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| BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party | * |
| BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers | # |
| CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent | 400 |
| GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party | * |
| HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party | Δ |
| MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum | |

Allow – yes is taken as first preference for Clover. Rule 44(2)(b), otherwise than by means of a figure.

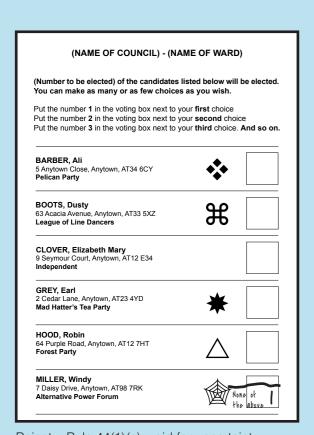
Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes

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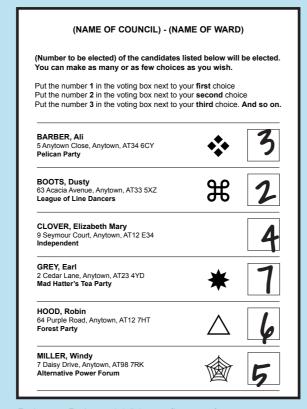
References are to the election rules: Schedule 2 of the Scottish Local Government Elections Order 2011.



Reject – Rule 44(1)(c), more than one first preference.



Reject – Rule 44(1)(e), void for uncertainty.



Reject – Rule 44(1)(b), no first preference

| (Number to be elected) of the candidates You can make as many or as few choice | | e elected |
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| Put the number 1 in the voting box next to Put the number 2 in the voting box next to Put the number 3 in the voting box next to | your second choice | |
| BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party | * | |
| BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acadia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers | \mathbb{H} | X |
| CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent | | 2 |
| GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party | * | |
| HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party | \triangle | |
| MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum | | |

Reject – Rule 44(1)(e), void for uncertainty.

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| BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers | # 4 |
| CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent | |
| GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party | * 3 |
| HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party | △ 5 |
| MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum | ♠ 1 |

Reject - Rule 44 (1)(d), voter can be identified.

| (NAME OF COUNCIL) | - (NAME OF WARD) |
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| BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AN 3 5XZ League of Line Dancers | # |
| CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 Et Independent | |
| GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, # 23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Part | * |
| HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party | Δ |
| MILLER, Windy 7. Paisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK | A |

Reject – Rule 44(1)(e), void for uncertainty.

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| (Number to be elected) of the candidates You can make as many or as few choice | |
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| Put the number 1 in the voting box next to Put the number 2 in the voting box next to Put the number 3 in the voting box next to | your second choice |
| BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party | * |
| BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers | # |
| CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent | 3 |
| GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party | * |
| HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party | |
| MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum | |

Reject – Rule 44(1)(b), no first preference and Rule 44(2)(b), vote not marked otherwise than by means of a figure.

| (NAME OF COUNCIL) - (NAME OF WARD) | | |
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| (Number to be elected) of the candidates You can make as many or as few choice | | l be electe |
| Put the number 1 in the voting box next to Put the number 2 in the voting box next to Put the number 3 in the voting box next to | your second cho | |
| BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party | * | |
| BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acadia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers | \mathbb{H} | |
| CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent | | |
| GREY, Earl 2 Cedar Lane, Anytown, AT23 4YD Mad Hatter's Tea Party | * | |
| HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT Forest Party | Δ | |
| MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum | | |

Reject - Rule 44(1)(e), unmarked.