

**Your ref:**

**My ref:**

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

**CORNWALL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 4 JUNE 2009**

I am notifying ALL candidates who are standing for election in the forthcoming Cornwall Council elections, to highlight a problem which has been identified with some postal vote packs.

On Friday afternoon Cornwall Council received notice of an error regarding the county postal ballot paper for the Newlyn and Goonhavern electoral division. The names of two candidates were erroneously cut from postal vote packs during the printing/cutting process. The packs were delivered to homes directly from the printers, as is standard practice for postal ballot papers.

As soon as Cornwall Council was made aware of the problem replacement packs were produced and delivered over the bank holiday weekend.

All the candidates were contacted as soon as possible and made aware of the situation, and of the corrective action taken.

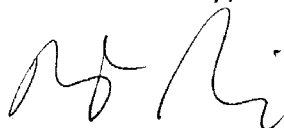
Despite assurances from the external printers on Friday that this was an isolated incident it has now come to light that there have been errors to some postal ballot packs in four other areas of Cornwall; Penzance Promenade, Penzance Central, St Ives South, St Ives North and Poundstock. Immediate action is being taken to rectify the issue. The affected ballot papers will be reprinted and posted. The European postal vote ballot is not affected by this problem.

Rest assured that the correct details of candidates were passed to the external printers and verified as correct against printers' proofs.

I am proactively seeking to identify and replace any County ballot papers which are incorrect. With any replacement County postal vote papers an accompanying letter have provided a support line on **0300 1234 200** to assist any callers.

I apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

Yours sincerely,



Nigel J Richards  
Returning Officer