

## Triennial Election of Members to Serve on the Executive Council 2007-2010

In accordance with the requirement of current trades union legislation, the reports of the voting on the elections are as follows:

### LONDON REGION

Number of voting papers distributed:	648
Number of voting papers returned:	359
Number of papers found to be invalid (blank/spoilt):	1
Thus, total number of valid papers to be counted:	358

#### Result (1 to elect):-

DARVILL, Michael..... 192      ELECTED  
JOSHI, Nilesh. .... 166

### MIDLANDS REGION

Number of voting papers distributed:	1,059
Number of voting papers returned:	434
Number of papers found to be invalid (blank/spoilt):	0
Thus, total number of valid papers to be counted:	434

#### Result (2 to elect):-

LEDGAR, Kym .....222      ELECTED  
RUDKIN, Michael.....222      ELECTED  
BUTLER, Gwilym.....207

### NORTH WEST REGION

Number of voting papers distributed:	975
Number of voting papers returned:	525
Number of papers found to be invalid (blank/spoilt):	2
Thus, total number of valid papers to be counted:	523

#### Result (2 to elect):-

HOWORTH, Philip .....296      ELECTED  
DESAI, Bhavna .....287      ELECTED  
BETHELL, Irene.....214

The ballot papers will be stored in accordance with the requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 as amended by the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993.

As Scrutineers appointed in accordance with Section 49 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (as amended), Electoral Reform Services are satisfied as to each of the matters specified in subsection 52(2) with regard to the election but the qualification below in relation to Section 50(1) should be noted.

A copy of the register of voters (as at the relevant date) was examined in accordance with Section 49(3). The examination took place at Electoral Reform Services's instance and revealed that a number of members appeared more than once. Electoral Reform Services brought this to the attention of the union. The union advised that according to the unions' rules a member is entitled to receive a ballot paper for each of the post offices for which they pay subscriptions. Electoral Reform Services advised the union that this was not the usual interpretation of entitlement to vote under Section 50(1) of TULR 1992 (as amended). The unions' view remained that a member who pays subscriptions for more than one post office is entitled to more than one ballot paper and that therefore a member who pays, for example, three subscriptions, is entitled to three ballot papers. Electoral Reform Services are therefore satisfied in respect of Section 50(1) but with the qualification that the responsibility for ensuring that entitlement to vote is accorded equally to all members of the union is the responsibility of the union and not the scrutineer.

The following points should also be noted:

- 1) The person appointed under Section 51A to carry out the storage and counting of voting papers was Electoral Reform Services Limited.
- 2) The person appointed under Section 51A to carry out the distribution of the voting papers was Electoral Reform Services Limited.

Electoral Reform Services would draw your attention to Sections 52(4), 52(5) and 52(6). Section 52(4) requires that a copy of this report be published and made available to all members of the Federation within a three month period. This however, does not mean that every member has to be notified individually.