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## **Dear Elector**

I am writing to you to explain why you are receiving a second postal vote which is to replace the original postal vote that I previously sent to you.

Following issue of the initial postal votes, a complaint was received from one of the candidates that they wanted a party emblem to appear on the ballot paper, even though there was no request for a party description to be applied.

This is an unusual situation which has not previously been encountered and, having taken advice from the Electoral Commission, it has been decided to cancel the original postal vote and re-issue with a different coloured ballot paper with a party emblem and fresh documentation.

I apologise for any confusion or inconvenience this action may cause you but please complete the new postal vote process as requested and return as previously. I can confirm that all the original postal votes that have been received will now be treated as spoilt.

Yours sincerely

Mark R Williams

**Electoral Registration Officer**