**Template press release of 4 May voter ID data**

**Data released today by *insert council area name* shows the number of people who brought ID to the polling station for local elections on 4 May.**

**The data shows that *insert figure 7 from data for publication spreadsheet*% of electors voting in *insert area name* polling stations brought photo ID that met newly introduced voter ID requirements.**

Collated figures across the area show *insert figure 5 from data for publication spreadsheet* electors voted at our *insert total number of polling stations* polling stations on 4 May.

At the end of polling day, *insert figure 3 from data for publication spreadsheet* electors who tried to vote in a polling station were not given a ballot paper because they did not meet the new voter ID requirements – *insert figure 8 from data for publication spreadsheet*%.

The figures also show while *insert figure 1 from data for publication spreadsheet* electors were initially turned away, *insert figure 2 from data for publication spreadsheet* returned with acceptable ID and were able to vote. This means *insert figure 10 from data for publication spreadsheet*% of those initially turned away returned and were issued with a ballot paper.

*Additional points you may want to cover for a Returning Officer quote, in other paragraphs or notes to editors:*

* *You may want to include the number of electors refused a ballot paper as a percentage of your entire turnout to include postal voters in the total.*
* *You may want to include the total turnout for your area, including postal ballot papers.*
* *Link to any ward level data if this is being made available.*
* *Disappointing to turn any elector away but must comply with new regulations introduced for polls from 4 May.*
* *Carried out extensive local work to raise awareness of the need to bring photo ID to vote in person, including x,y and z.*
* *Electoral Commission also ran national advertising campaign*
* *Will continue to work on awareness raising throughout the year, as all elections and referendums require photo ID from now on.*
* *Anyone without an accepted form of photo ID can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online, by post or in person – add contact details.*
* *Thank you to the polling station staff who worked so hard on supporting the biggest change to the way we vote in decades.*
* *Full results from 4 May elections are available at insert link*.
* *The Electoral Commission is collecting data from all local authorities across England who held elections on 4 May. It will publish an initial assessment of the voter ID requirement in June and a full evaluation of the local elections in autumn.*