



Elections Conference
1st March 2024
09.30 – 16.00
Programme

09.30 **Welcome**

09.35 – 10.30 **Elections Act 2022 Tranche Two**

Laura Lock, Deputy Chief Executive, Association of Electoral Administrators
Gilly Bloom, Senior Lawyer, Electoral Commission

10.30 – 10.45 **Break**

10.45 – 11.45 **The Role of the RO, The Legal Duties and Minimising the Risk of Challenge**

Mark Heath
Consultant, VWV
Returning Officer, Southampton City Council

11.45 – 12.00 **Break**

12.00 – 13.00 **The Pre-Election Period; Voter ID**

Timothy Straker KC and Vivienne Sedgley
4-5 Gray's Inn Square

13.00 – 13.40 **Lunch**

13.40 – 14.40 **Preparing for May 2024 and the Parliamentary Election**

Becca Crosier, Deputy Director, Elections Division (DLUHC)
Tom Hawthorn, Head of Policy, Electoral Commission

14.40 – 14.55 **Break**

14.55 – 15.55 **Polling Station Accessibility, Safety and Risk Management**

Simon Steeden, Partner and Suhan Rajkumar, Senior Associate
Bates Wells

16.00 **Close**