

Elections for Governors

CANVASSING - CODE OF PRACTICE

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1. In the conduct of Trust elections and the interpretation of this Code of Practice, the Returning Officer's decision shall be final.
2. Each candidate shall complete a statement of no more than 250 words in a form determined from time to time by the Returning Officer. The Returning Officer shall arrange for the information so supplied, together with a recent photograph, to be published in a booklet comprising the details of all candidates in the Council of Governors elections and circulated in accordance with the Election Rules
3. No canvassing is permitted on Trust premises. No literature beyond that specified in 2 above may be distributed on the property; this includes Trust electronic bulletin boards.
4. The Trust may arrange for hustings- events for candidates to meet the members. These will provide an opportunity for candidates to explain their rationale for standing for election.
5. Candidates, or those acting on behalf of candidates, may not publish or circulate letters or other publications to Members in support of their candidature.
6. Neither the Trust Board nor the Council of Governors may publicly endorse a candidate.
7. Any breach of this Code of Practice will render a candidate liable to disqualification from the election by the Returning Officer.