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Dear Mayors and General Managers

The question has been raised with me as to the format of the upcoming election for President. The Rules of the Association require that the procedure for the conduct of the scrutiny shall comply as closely as practicable with that for the election of Mayors of Councils. The Electoral Commissioner, Julian Type, has advised that this means that the election is to be conducted on the basis of optional preferential voting (OPV). Under OPV, voters may choose to mark a preference for one candidate (effectively voting as though it were a first past the post election), all candidates or any number of candidates in between.

Councils therefore have the opportunity to vote for one candidate, some candidates or all. You will be aware that nominations opened on Monday and it is expected that a number of candidates will be contesting the pending vacancy. This information is provided to assist councils with their deliberations on how they may wish to vote.

Kind regards

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