



# Ballot Form

**Firm Membership number**

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I (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Authorised to represent the registered member firm (full name & address)

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Being a fully paid up member firm of good standing hereby submit a vote based on the total aggregate membership fee(s) payable for 2019 and in association with the principles outlined and the notes provided, for the election of Directors and which will be reported on or before Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how you wish to vote by ticking **one** option as appropriate.

Notice item	Items – Nominees for election	Please tick
1.	Paul Barber - Retirement Bridge	
2.	Clive Bolton - LV=	
3.	Matthew Burton - Hodge Lifetime	
4.	Paul Carter - Pure Retirement	
5.	Tom Evans - Canada Life	
6.	Dave Harris - More2Life	
7.	Greg Neilson - Aviva	
8.	Vanessa Owen - RGA	
9.	Claire Singleton - LGHF	
10.	Robert Smith - Rothesay Life	

Please complete and return to **Alison Pallister, The Old Rectory, Church Lane, Thornby, Northants, NN6 8SN**, or email it to: [ercsecretariat@equityreleasecouncil.com](mailto:ercsecretariat@equityreleasecouncil.com) ensuring it is received by **noon, Tuesday 14th April 2020 (extended to coincide after the Easter weekend)**.



## General Notes

- 1) The ballot for Directors' positions is open to member firms in good standing\* and will be managed in line with clauses 23.7& 33 of the Memorandum of Articles for the Council and will be conducted on a one firm = one vote basis.
  - a. 'member in good standing' means a member whose membership fees are not overdue for payment and who has not been declared by the directors or any other authorised person(s) on behalf of the company to be at the relevant time in breach of the articles or any rules, by-laws or code of practice of the company.
- 2) The Board of Directors have ratified three main principles at their meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 associated with these articles for the purpose of managing this and forthcoming ballots that will remain in force until such times as the Board of Directors shall otherwise decide:
  - a. The ERC being a Trade Body representing the industry, primarily therefore representing firms and not that of any one individual associated with that firm
  - b. A firm's payment methodology for their subscription(s) will have no bearing on their voting arrangements, therefore;
  - c. Each member [firm] in good standing\* is invited to and shall have one vote for the total £ (pound sterling) value of their firm's aggregate membership fee(s) paid for the past financial year prior to the closing date for nominations.
- 3) Member firms wishing to conduct an internal ballot of their own individual members should report the result of that ballot to the ERC by a nominated authorised individual on the appropriate ballot form as a representative single vote for the firm by the deadline
- 4) For the purpose of this ballot, the count will be based on the registered member firm's aggregate membership fees due in the financial year ended December 2019 and paid for no later than the closing date of nominations of the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- 5) Secretariat to Equity Release Council has been appointed to validate the ballot
- 6) The result of the ballot for 2020 **shall not** this year be reported at a convening of members at an Annual General Meeting which was due to be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020. Due to the exceptional circumstances incurred by Coronavirus on the nation, to safeguard our members' and staff wellbeing, recognising also government restrictions on travel and social distancing, it shall instead be reported **direct** to the membership by email and posted up in the Members' lounge of the website on or shortly after Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.
- 7) The elected directors shall take office as originally planned at close of business on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** which was the original date of the AGM. Further updates on a new date for the AGM will be shared in due course.
- 8) In the event of two or more nominated candidates for one or more vacancies receiving the same number of votes and it being otherwise unclear which of them have been elected, the Chairman shall have the casting vote to determine who shall be elected.