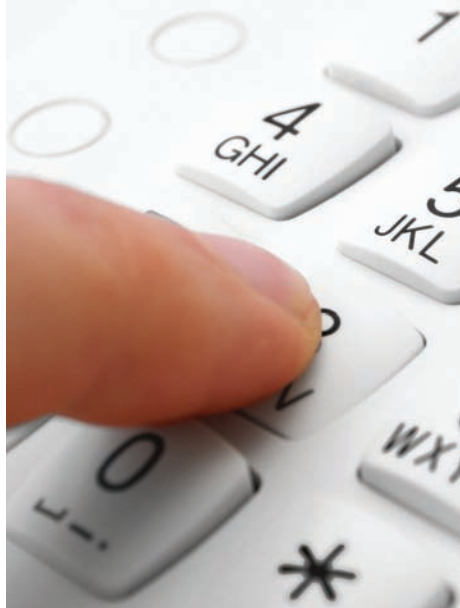
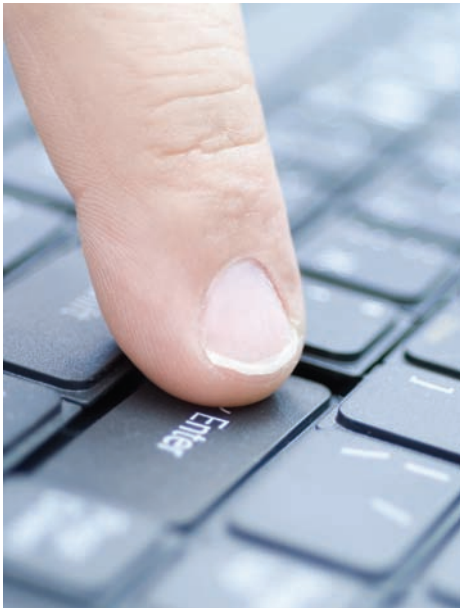

e-Election innovation at your fingertips



Transforming the future of election management

Demanding requirements



As world leaders in the automation and modernisation of elections, DRS offers tried and tested technologies proven to deliver accurate and secure results. DRS, in partnership with Mi-Voice, bring the experience, skills, and know-how to provide an extensive range of multi-channel e-Election solutions encompassing both electronic counting and remote electronic voting.

Whether you wish to offer your electorate the choice of casting their vote on a paper ballot by post or at the polling station, casting it online, via interactive voice recognition or through touch screen kiosks, DRS can implement an effective and efficient solution that will deliver an accurate, reliable and secure result.

With approaching two decades of experience in managing complex electronic elections, including single transferable voting, combined contests, party list systems and of course, first past the post, DRS help manage and deliver these complex projects. From training staff through to the technical installation and support you can be assured you are in safe hands.

Having managed a variety of high profile electronic election projects around the world including Norway, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Hong Kong, Oman and the UK; DRS has the skills and expertise to meet the demanding requirements of any innovative election.

e-Counting explained

As the only UK designer and manufacturer of e-Counting systems, DRS election technologies have proven to bring benefits of speed, accuracy and transparency to the election process, whilst making significant reductions to the staff needed to manually count complex elections.

Registration

Polling station ballot boxes and batches of postal votes are received and checked in at count locations by election staff - maintaining many existing manual security processes.

Scanning

Each ballot paper carries a unique identifying mark, allowing the scanning technology to ensure that every ballot paper is counted, but counted only once.

Only good, clear, valid votes are recorded automatically by the scanners. Images of doubtful ballot papers are captured at the time of scanning and passed to the Returning Officer's staff for later on-screen scrutiny and adjudication.

Verification

Ensuring that the correct number of ballot papers are entered into the count.

Adjudication

Complete transparency – on-screen images of ballot papers presented to election staff and official observers for human interpretation and decisions.

Election staff make the decisions whilst technology accurately captures results for each and every ballot paper.

Key Correction

Unique way of adjudicating preference votes - allowing election staff to view many preferences quickly and efficiently and to accurately and transparently capture decisions.

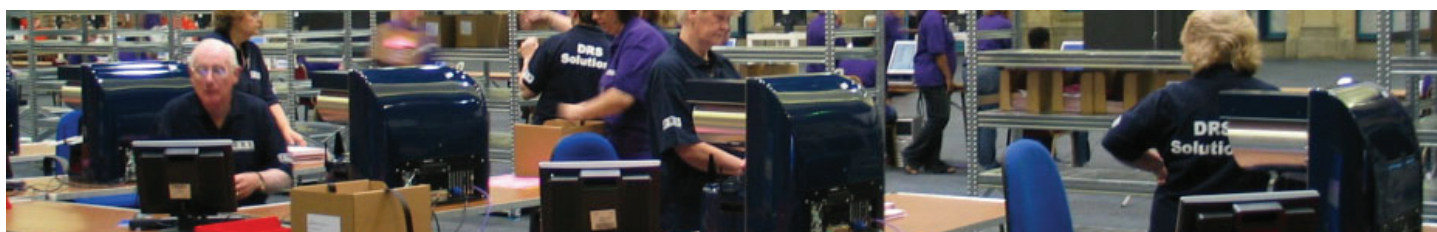
Assurance

Accuracy - Unique identifying marks on each ballot paper allow all expected ballot papers to be tracked and accounted for with comprehensive audit trail information – while retaining complete anonymity of the voter.

Consistency - Applies consistent rules to ensure all votes are read, recognised and counted. Where there is any doubt over the voter's intent, images are sent to the Returning Officer and their staff for adjudication.

Efficiency - Significantly faster for complex elections with reduced staffing levels required.

Security - Complete audit trails are kept of every ballot paper as it travels through the count. User access control restricts management and Returning Officer modules.



Proven innovative technologies



Fully scalable, integrated multi-channel e-Counting and e-Voting technologies - opening up a wealth of election opportunities.



DRS state-of-the-art PhotoScribe® technology - secure, high-speed, double sided imaging ballot scanners with real-time vote capture and interpretation.



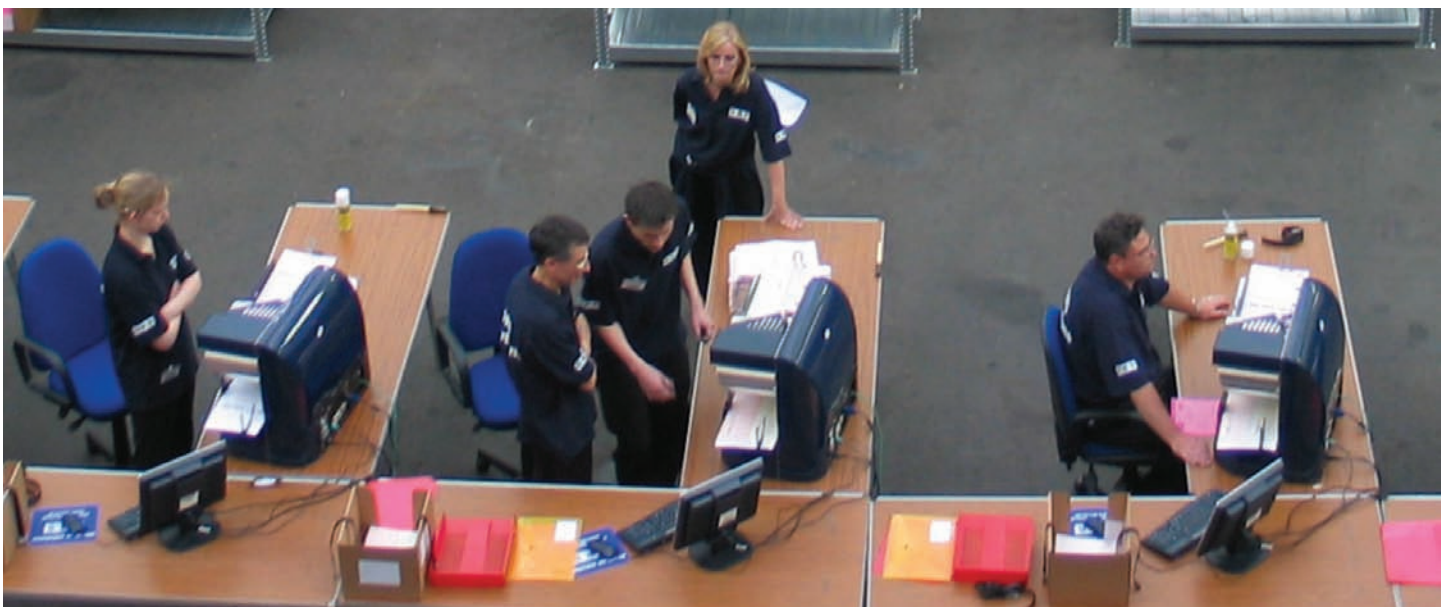
Choice of remote electronic voting channels - Internet, Interactive Voice Response (IVR) and touch screen kiosks.



Technologies designed to reduce postal vote fraud with sophisticated application and statement identification checks.



Specialist project management team at hand every step of the way - ballot paper design and production, full and comprehensive staff training, technical support, stakeholder briefings and technology deployment all taken care of.



e-Voting explained

With its partnership with Mi-Voice, DRS can offer a secure, multi-channel electronic voting platform, enabling organisations to conduct elections, referendums and consultations over the Internet, via IVR and through touch screen kiosks.

The application enables voters to register securely and then vote using any method that is most convenient for them - either online, by telephone or at a kiosk.

By offering alternative ways to vote, your organisation can take full advantage of providing greater accessibility and convenience than is currently available through the more traditional method of conducting manually processed elections.

- Context sensitive help to provide relevant information and guidance at each stage of the voting process.
- Ability for proxy voters to register to vote electronically.
- Automatic Notification Service, reminding the voter of key dates/times in the election process and informing them of the results of the election.

Security

- Solution independently reviewed by QinetiQ, the world's leading authority on Internet security.
- Personalised ballot packs containing a unique code for every individual voter - ensuring a vote cannot be intercepted or changed once it had been cast.
- Secure system allowing only authorised administrative control using smart card technologies.
- Fully audited system that can be independently verified.
- The count to start only on authorisation from authorised personnel using their assigned smart card.

Data Management

- Designed to meet government led EML standards, ensuring ease of integration with electoral registration systems and any other EML compliant third party applications.
- Industry-standard import and export routines to allow capture and export of elector and vote data.

Privacy

- Support for 'blind' proxy voting enables a proxy vote to be cast, whilst protecting the anonymity of the person's vote.
- Secure, encrypted data that can only be decrypted by authorised personnel.

Count Authenticity - for Voter & Election Authority

On completion of a vote, the e-Voting system will issue the voter with a receipt number enabling:

- the authority to validate an individual's vote if there is a query or dispute
- the voter to check that their vote has been counted successfully
- tendered ballots to be supported
- full ballot traceability under judicial review if required.

Reporting

- Comprehensive reporting on usage and performance statistics.

Transforming the future of election management

DRS is a global leader in the field of election processing management. It is our aim to help reduce the administrative burden of elections, whilst ensuring the security, integrity and accuracy of the results.

From capturing voter registration details through to processing complex combined elections, DRS has the experience to deliver large scale elections - worldwide.

Supplier/client partnerships

We believe working together in partnership with our clients is the key to success. With extensive experience in working with local authorities, national governments, international election stakeholders and public and private sector organisations, DRS is able to guide its clients through the logistics of deploying robust election technology.

“The systems worked flawlessly, the staff were of the highest calibre and their commitment to getting the job done equalled that of my own staff.”

**2007 Scottish Local Government
and Parliamentary Elections**

“We were absolutely delighted. The aim of the exercise was to increase voter turnout and it has certainly worked.”

**2003 all postal and combined
County Durham Local Authority Elections**

“The count was conducted without a hitch. The hard work of the counting staff coupled with the speed of the technology has paid off.”

2000 Hong Kong LEGCO Elections

“I have been keen to test an electronic voting process and the system enabled me to meet that objective. The security elements and the credibility of the system was excellent, and the simplification of the process impressive.”

**2005 Youth Elections
Southampton City Council**

“We were able to meet our responsibilities using e-Voting within a much shorter timescale than we had previously anticipated. We were very pleased with the set-up, running and conclusion of the election process, it is fair to say that it surpassed all expectations.”

**2007 School Council Elections
Cefn Hengoed Community School**

To find out more about how DRS can assist with your election, contact the Elections Team on:

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