

Election process

Election for all District, Parish and Town Councillors on 4 May 2023

Notice of Election	17 March
Submission of nominations	From 20 March until deadline of 4pm on 4 April
Statement of Persons nominated (will know if election is contested or not)	By 4pm on Wednesday 5 April
Registration of electors (deadline)	Midnight on Monday 17 April
Application to vote by post (deadline)	5pm on Tuesday 18 April
Application to vote by proxy (deadline)	5pm on Tuesday 20 April
Election day	4 May
Counting of votes	District elections - overnight on 4 May Parish & Town - Friday 5 May (to be confirmed)

To start with the election process, all District, Parish and Town Councillor seats will be re-elected in May 2023.

The current councillors will remain in post until 4 days after the election when the newly elected councillors take office.

As in previous years, we will be asking Parish and Town Clerks to help with promoting the election and publication of statutory notices. We will provide briefing notes and information which can be shared with local residents and will also be sending statutory notices for you to display in your areas.

The start of the election process is the publication of the notice of election, this will be on 17 March and marks the start of the election and pre-election period. During the pre-election period, councils must be careful not to promote any work or projects which could be seen as political or supporting particular councillors. Pre-election guidance will be issued to you in the new year, and may also be available from GAPTC.

The notice of election also marks the beginning of the nomination process. Anyone wishing to stand as a candidate must submit a nomination paper to the Returning Officer between Monday 20 March and the deadline of 4pm on Tuesday 4 April. Papers will be available to download from our website from early February and we can also send paper copies as needed. It's likely that the T&PC's will get calls or emails from anyone thinking of standing as a