

Overview of Elections for 2018 (including those for RPC) from WBC



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

3 May 2018

- Elections in 18 borough wards out of 25
- Parish elections
- 61 polling stations: 8 combined
- Stations Open 7 am – 10 pm
- Count starts at 10 pm at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre

Timetable

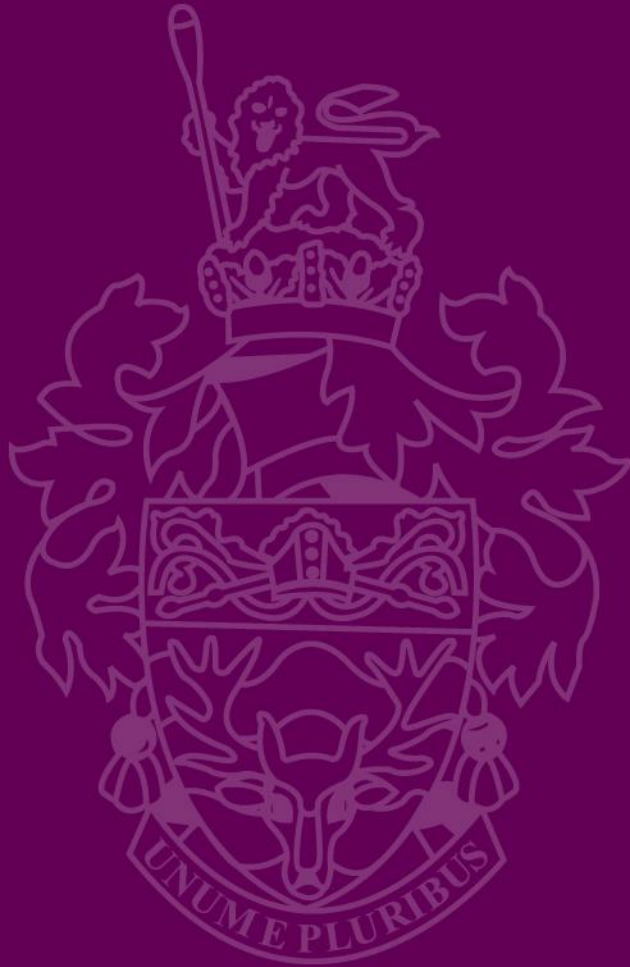
- Publication of Notice of Election – 26 March
- Purdah starts – 26 March
- Nomination period – 27 March – 4 pm on 6 April
- Briefing for all validly nominated Candidates and their Agents – 6 pm on 10 April
- Register to vote deadline – 17 April
- Postal vote deadline – 18 April
- Proxy vote deadline – 25 April
- Counting, polling and postal vote agents deadline – 26 April
- Polling Day – 3 May
- Count – 3 May starting at 10 pm

WBC Electoral Services

- Administer the nomination process
- Administer the running of the election and the count

Electoral Commission

- Oversee campaigning and expenditure by candidates
- Issue guidance to candidates and agents
- Have codes of conduct for candidates, agents and political parties



The nomination process



What is in your pack?

- Nomination Paper(s)
- Wokingham BC contact form
- Consent to nomination form
- Request to use description/emblem
- Appointment form for election agent (B)
- Request for electoral register form
- Request for absent voter list

Nomination forms

- Nomination paper
- Candidates consent to nomination
- Notice of appointment of election agent
- Registration of political parties
- Request for Emblem

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BOROUGH election

Nomination paper

ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR for the

1.

ward of the

borough of

WOKINGHAM

Date of election:

3 May 2018

We, the undersigned, being local government electors for the said ward do hereby nominate the under-mentioned person as a candidate at the said election.

Candidate's details

Candidate's surname		Mr/Mrs/Miss/ Ms/Dr/Other
Other forenames in full		
Commonly used surname (if any)		
Commonly used forenames (if any)		
Description (if any) Use no more than six words (see note 5)		
Home address in full		

No.	Signature	Print-name	Electoral-number	
			Polling district	Elector number
Proposer:				
Seconder:				
We, the undersigned, being local government electors for the said ward, do hereby assent to the foregoing nomination				
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Candidate's consent to nomination

- Tick as many qualifications that apply
- Date of birth
- Signature and Date of Signing
- Witness signature

Qualifications

- Candidates must satisfy criteria on the day they are nominated **and** on polling day:
 - be at least 18 years of age
 - be a British, qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or national of an EU member state.
- Also at least one of the following:
 - Registered local government elector for local authority area
 - Occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises in the local authority area during the whole 12 months preceding nomination
 - Principal or only place of work (including unpaid) during last 12 months in local authority area
 - Lived in the local authority area during the last 12 months

Disqualifications

A person **cannot** be a candidate if they:

- are **employed by the local authority** or hold a paid office under the authority (including joint boards or committees). Candidates may be 'employed by the local authority' if they work at certain schools, fire services, police or health services
- are subject of a **Bankruptcy Restrictions Order** (or interim restrictions order) in England or Wales
- have been sentenced to a term of **imprisonment** of three months or more (inc. suspended sentence) without option of a fine, during the 5 years before polling day
- are serving a disqualification due to being found guilty of a **corrupt or illegal practice** by an election court
- hold a **politically restricted post**

Registration of political parties

This is only necessary if a candidate is standing on behalf of a political party

- Can request a description and an emblem
- Form will need to be signed by Registered Nominating Officer
- Candidate can just leave description field blank or be 'Independent'.

Election Agent

- Responsible for the proper management of your election campaign; particularly its financial management.
- Notification of appointment must reach the RO by 4pm - 6 April. Form is included in nomination pack.
- You will become your own agent by default if you don't appoint one.

Wokingham information

- Contact form
- Timetable
 - Notice of Election – 26 March
 - Nomination period starts – 27 March
 - Close of nominations – 4pm on 6 April

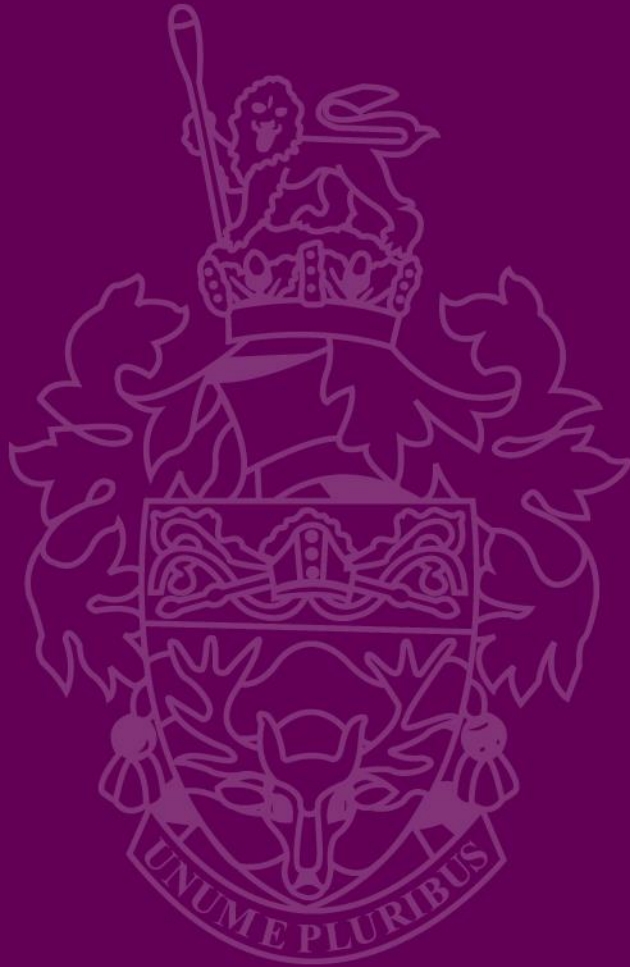
Please don't leave it to the last minute

Access to Electoral Data

- Access by candidates – once you **officially** become a candidate:
 - earliest, on 27 March if you, or others declared yourself a candidate
 - once you or others have declared yourself a candidate after this date / date you submit your nomination papers
- Make written request to the ERO – forms are included in your nomination pack.

Delivery of nomination papers

- Nomination Paper and Consent to Nomination must now be hand delivered. Posting them is not an option
- Remaining papers may be delivered separately, but easier if all together
- Please bring them to our public counter
- Make an appointment



After close of nomination



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What happens after the close of Nominations?

- Notice of Validity
- Publish a statement of persons nominated for each ward by 4 pm on 9 April.
- Standing in more than one ward within the same Borough?

What other forms might you need?

- Appointment of Postal Agent
- Appointment of Polling Agent
- Appointment of Count Agents

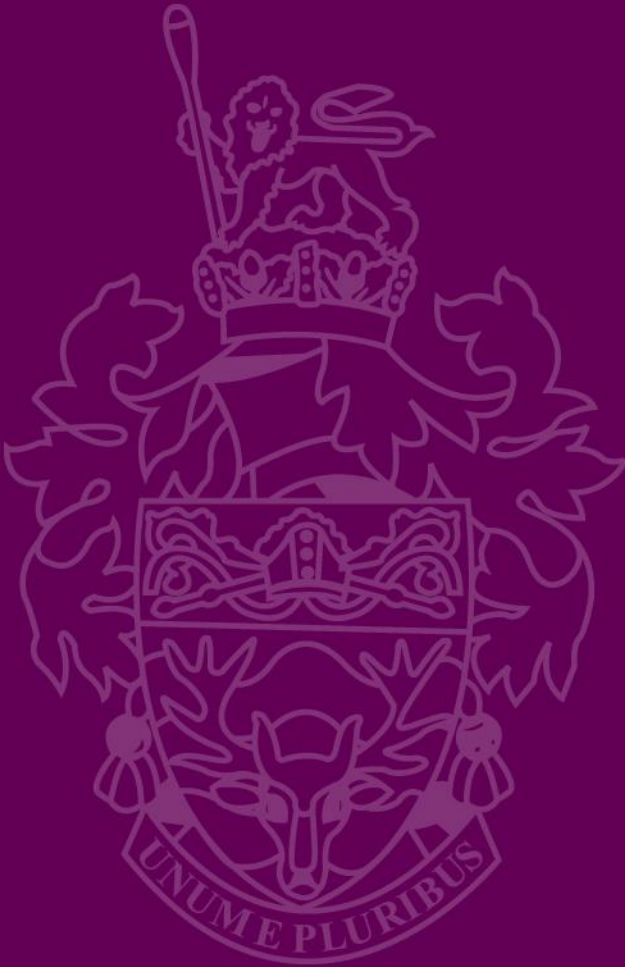
- Expenses

Registration

- As a candidate you are uniquely placed to encourage people to register to vote.
- You should encourage people to register as soon as possible.
- The deadline for applying for the election is 17 April.
- Individuals can apply to register online at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>. It only takes a couple of minutes.

Absent Voting

- If you are encouraging people who don't have a postal (or proxy) vote to apply for one, make sure you explain that they will only qualify for one in time for the elections if they are (or will be) registered in time to vote at the elections. Registration deadline 17 April.
- The postal vote deadline is 18 April and 25 April for proxy appointments.



In Summary



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Remember

- Please get your nomination papers in as early as possible
- Please use the up to date Register
- Further Briefing – 10 April to provide further details and information on polling day arrangements

Any questions?

Contact details

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- www.electoralcommission.gov.uk
(downloadable guidance on their website)