

23 March 2023

Notice of local elections – Thursday 4 May 2023

Elections for local borough councillors in all Guildford Borough Council wards will take place on Thursday 4 May. Any elections for contested parish councils, or parish wards, will also take place on the same day.

Polling stations will open at 7am and close at 10pm on Thursday 4 May.

If you aren't already registered to vote, please do this as soon as you can. It takes just five minutes to do it online before Monday 17 April deadline to vote in these elections at: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

You can also contact our Electoral Services team at our Millmead offices for an application form if you don't have online access.

Nomination papers for candidates standing in the local elections must be delivered in person to the Returning Officer, Electoral Services, Guildford Borough Council no later than 4pm on Tuesday 4 April. It is important that candidates or their election agents make an appointment with the Electoral Services team when they bring in their nomination papers.

How to vote and more information

We will start sending out polling cards to voters from next week. If you vote in person, please check on your card which polling station you will need to visit, as your polling station may have changed this time.

For the first time you will also be required to bring photo ID to vote at a polling station. Your poll card will list accepted forms of photo ID. You can also check the full list on The Electoral Commission website. If you do not already have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply online for a free voter authority certificate. You can also get an application form from our Electoral Services team. The deadline to apply for a voter authority certificate to use at these local elections is 5pm Tuesday 25 April 2023.

You do not need photo ID to vote by post. The deadline to apply to vote by post instead, or to change your existing postal vote arrangements, is 5pm on Tuesday 18 April. If you need someone to vote on your behalf on 4 May, you can apply for a proxy vote by 5pm on Tuesday 25 April.

We would like to make sure that all our residents are able to cast their vote. If you have a disability or additional needs that means you need extra help, please contact the Electoral Services team.

If you need an application form for a voter authority certificate, postal or proxy vote, contact our Electoral Services team by email at electoralservices@guildford.gov.uk or call them 01483 444115.

To view the Notice of Election for the borough and parish elections and other information for 4 May visit www.guildford.gov.uk/elections

You can also view the notice in reception at our Millmead Office.