

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS FOR NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
(Including Town & Parish Council Elections) : Thursday, 4 May 2023**

BRIEFING FOR CANDIDATES/AGENTS/TOWN & PARISH CLERKS

Elections Timetable

Notice of Election (published not later than)	- 27 March 2023 (Start of pre-election period)
Dispatch of Poll Cards (from printers)	- 27 March 2023
Delivery of candidate nomination papers	- 28 March 2023
Last Day for delivery of nomination papers	- 4 April 2023 at 4 pm
Statement of Persons Nominated and Notice of Poll	- 5 April 2023
Last day for people to register (Online registration is midnight and 5 pm for paper applications)	- 17 April 2023
Last day for people to apply for a postal/postal proxy vote - (1 st wave of postal votes to be received by electors around 19/20 April – deadline for applications for this issue is 29 March 2023. 2 nd wave of postal votes to be received by electors around 25 April 2023)	18 April 2023 at 5 pm
Last day for new applications to vote by proxy	- 25 April 2023 at 5 pm
Last day to apply for Voter Authority Certificates	- 25 April 2023 at 5 pm
Last day for emergency proxy applications (on the grounds of employment, medical condition or loss/damaged Photographic ID)	- 4 May 2023 at 5 pm

Electoral Commission Information

The Electoral Commission produce some really useful guidance:-

www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/local-elections-england

The guides cover the following areas for example:

- Can you stand for election?
- Standing as an independent candidate
- Standing as a party candidate
- Spending and donations
- The campaign
- Your right to attend key electoral events
- After the declaration of results

Nomination Process

The Electoral Services team will be able to offer advice on how to complete the nomination forms, give electoral numbers for the proposer and seconder and also offer an informal check of your completed nomination papers.

There are three nomination papers that you must submit by hand to make your nomination valid:-

- the nomination form
- a home address form
- consent to nomination

To stand on behalf of a registered political party there are a further two forms to complete:-

- certificate of authorisation allowing you to use the party name or a registered description on the ballot paper
- a request to use one of the party's emblems

If you are appointing an election agent please complete the Notification of Election Agent form in the nomination pack. If you are acting as your own agent there is no need to complete this form.

The deadline for submission of all the nomination forms is 4 pm on Tuesday, 4 April 2023. Ideally we would like to check all forms at the same time. Delivery is BY HAND although you can post the Certificate of Authorisation, Request for Party Emblem and Notification of Election Agent to us at:-

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