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Information for candidates and agents

Event	Date	Time
Publication of notice of election	Monday 20 March	
Start of nominations	Tuesday 21 March	
Deadline to submit nominations	Tuesday 4 April	4pm
Deadline to deliver withdrawal of candidature	Tuesday 4 April	4pm
Publication of statement of persons nominated	Wednesday 5 April	
Candidates briefing	Thursday 13 April	6pm
Registration applications deadline	Monday 17 April	Midnight
First issue of postal votes	Monday 17 April	
Postal and postal proxy vote applications	Tuesday 18 April	5pm
Ordinary proxy vote applications deadline	Tuesday 25 April	5pm
Deadline for applications for a Voter Authority Certificate (voter ID)	Tuesday 25 April	5pm
Second issue of postal votes	Monday 24 April	
Postal vote opening session 1	Monday 24 April	10am

Deadline to appoint poll and count agents	Wednesday 26 April	10am
SERVICES		
Postal vote opening session 2	Thursday 27 April	1pm
BUSINESS		
Postal vote opening session 3	Friday 28 April	1pm
MY COUNCIL		
Postal vote opening session 4	Tuesday 2 May	1pm
NEWS		
Postal vote opening session 5	Wednesday 3 May	1pm
FIND MY NEAREST		
Postal vote opening session 6	Thursday 4 May	10am
Disenfranchisement	Thursday 4 May	7am to 10pm
ACCESSIBILITY		
Verification of the votes	Thursday 4 May	Following close of poll
CONTACT US		
Counting of the votes	Friday 5 May	
PRIVACY AND COOKIES		
SUPPORT		
Deadline to return candidate expenses	TBC	
TERMS		



Bulletins

Share your feedback

We will post regular updates throughout the election period on our [election bulletins page](#).

The campaign

Campaign conduct issues are a matter for the Electoral Commission and not the returning officer.

Please refer to Part 4 of the [guidance for candidates on the Electoral Commission website](#).

If you need to report campaign material on North Somerset Council property, contact our

If you need to report campaign material on North Somerset Council property, contact our highways department by emailing adam.wood@n-somerset.gov.uk.

Register of electors

You are entitled to a copy of the register of electors for the area in which you are standing.

You should complete and return the relevant form to us at candidates@n-somerset.gov.uk.

[register request form - district \[196.18 KB\]](#)

[register request form - town or parish \[196.24 KB\]](#)

Postal vote opening sessions

The opening of postal votes will take place at the [Town Hall](#) in Weston-super-Mare on the dates specified in the election timetable.

If you want to attend any of the opening of postal vote sessions, or to appoint an agent to attend on your behalf, please email candidates@n-somerset.gov.uk in advance.

The verification and count

The verification of the votes will start as soon as practicable after the close of poll at 10pm at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre. All candidates, election agents (district only), appointed counting agents and guests are permitted to attend the verification.

The counting of the votes will also be held at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre on Friday 5 May 2023 (time TBC). We will count all the North Somerset Council ballot papers first, followed by the town and parish councils. Candidates, election agents (district only), appointed counting agents and guests are only permitted to attend the count relating to their election.

More information about the process will be available on our [verification and count page](#) soon.

Polling agents, counting agents and guests booking forms

The deadline to appoint polling agents, counting agents and guests to the count is Wednesday 26 April and there will be a limit on how many you will be permitted. We will add more information to this page when it becomes available.

The deadline is fixed in law and offers us no flexibility. Attendees that have not registered and therefore have not been included on the attendance list will not be admitted.

If you intend to appoint polling agents, counting agents or guests to the count, please complete and return the relevant form to candidates@n-somerset.gov.uk.

[polling agents booking form - North Somerset Council \[16.68 KB\]](#)

[polling agents booking form - town or parish council \[16.57 KB\]](#)

[counting agents booking form - North Somerset Council \[16.47 KB\]](#)

[counting agents booking form - town or parish councils \[16.36 KB\]](#)

[guest for the count booking form - North Somerset Council \[16.33 KB\]](#)

[guest for the count booking form - town or parish councils \[16.35 KB\]](#)

Candidates expenses

Please refer to Part 3 of the [guide for candidates on the Electoral Commission's website](#) for their guidance on how to complete your return and the election expenses pack.

The date required for the notice of election which is to be included on your expenses form is the last day for publication of notice of election which is Monday 27 March 2023.

Expenditure for local elections is limited by law for each entry in the Register of Electors for the appropriate electoral area.

[electorate figures - district \[61.75 KB\]](#)

[electorate figures - town and parish \[70.13 KB\]](#)

The appropriate forms must be completed and returned to the returning officer at Town

Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1UJ or emailed to candidates@n-somerset.gov.uk by the deadline.

Failure to send in these forms (even 'nil' returns) within the prescribed time constitutes an election offence.

Contact details

If you have been unable to find the answers to your queries on this page, please email candidates@n-somerset.gov.uk.