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# Nomination Paper Pack Tamworth Borough Council Local Elections – Thursday 5 May 2022

Please find enclosed a Nomination Paper pack as requested. The pack contains the following items:

- Candidate Checklist
- Nomination Paper please read information regarding the General Data Protection Regulations.
- Home Address Form (new form)
- Consent to Nomination (new format) please note that this must be submitted with the relevant parts from the Local Government Act 1972 listed below.
- Section 80 Local Government Act 1972
- Certificate of Authority
- Request for Party and Emblem
- Appointment of an Election Agent
- Notice of Withdrawal
- Appointment of Polling Agents
- Appointment of Counting Agents
- Appointment of Agents to attend the Opening of Postal Voters' Ballot Box
- Register Request Form
- Election Timetable
- Secrecy Requirements

You are requested to contact the Electoral Services Office using the contact details above to make an appointment to submit your nomination papers. Appointments will be available between 10am and 4pm (excluding lunch) between Wednesday 23 March and Tuesday 5 April and will be booked on a first come, first served basis. Prior to the formal submission of nomination papers an informal check will be offered. The final appointment will be at 3:30pm on Tuesday 5 April 2022. The deadline to submit your nomination papers is 4pm on Tuesday 5 April 2022.

If you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Barratt Returning Officer

## You must print off the forms in this pack before submitting them

### The following papers must be delivered by hand:

1a: Nomination paper

1b: Home address form (part 1 and part 2)

1c: Candidate's consent to nomination (including the pages of legislation)

#### The following papers can be delivered by hand or by post:

- 2: Certificate of authorisation
- 3: Request for a party emblem
- 4: Notification of election agent

The notice of election published by the Returning Officer will specify the times and exact location to which nomination papers **must** be delivered.

Ensure that where signatures are required, you submit the **original signed version** of each completed paper. Documents without original signatures cannot be accepted.

#### **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

Data protection legislation applies to the processing of all personal data. Please contact the <u>Information Commissioner's Office</u> for further information about how the legislation affects you.

When collecting subscriber information, you should point out what the information will be used for, and how personal data will be processed and kept secure. The lawful basis to collect the information in these forms is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and exercise of official authority as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and associated regulations.

You should also explain that the information will be shared with the Returning Officer. For further information on data protection and data processing, you should refer to the Returning Officer's privacy notice on their website.

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# CL Local government election in England Candidate checklist

This checklist is designed to assist candidates standing in a principal area local government election<sup>1</sup> in England in preparing to submit their nomination, and should be read alongside the Electoral Commission's <u>Guidance for candidates and agents.</u>

Task	Tick
Nomination form (all candidates)	
Add your full name – surname in the first box and all other names in the second.	
Optional - Use the commonly used name(s) box(es) if you are commonly known by a name other than your full name and want it to be used instead of your full name.	
Description – Party candidates can use a party name or description registered with the Electoral Commission and this must match the details shown on the required certificate of authorisation from that party; others can use 'Independent' or leave this blank. Whatever you enter in this box will appear as your description on the ballot paper.	
Subscribers –all ten subscribers must sign and have their name printed. Use your copy of the electoral register to make sure their elector numbers are accurate. When collecting subscriber information ensure that you explain what the information will be used for and that the information will be shared with the Returning Officer.	
Method of submitting the form to the RO: in person (but not limited to you or your agent), by hand, to be accompanied by the home address form. It cannot be submitted by post, fax, e-mail or other electronic means.	
Candidate's home address form (all candidates)	
Add your full name.	
Add your home address in full.	
Add your qualifying address, or qualifying addresses, to each of the relevant qualifications and tick those which apply.	
Add the full name and home address in full of the person who will witness your consent to nomination form. The home address form will not be accepted without this information.	
Please also complete part 2 of the form if you do not want to have your home address printed on the ballot papers, giving the name of the relevant area – this is the county/district/London borough which your home address is in – or, where outside the UK, the country, in which your home address is situated, and sign the form. Please submit part 2 of the home address form with your nomination papers, even if you do not want to withhold your home address from the ballot papers.  Method of submitting the form to the RO: in person (but not limited to you or your	
agent), by hand, to be accompanied by the nomination form. It cannot be submitted by post, fax, e-mail or other electronic means.	
Candidate's consent (all candidates)	
You must be a British, Commonwealth or other European Union Citizen and not require leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom or have indefinite leave to	

<sup>1</sup> This is not to be used for parish, community or mayoral elections. Separate <u>forms and guidance are available</u>.

remain. You must also be 18 years old or older on the date you sign this form.	
You must declare that you meet at least one of the listed qualification(s) and should cross through any that do not apply. Those left should match the qualification(s) as given on your home address form.	
You must not sign the form if you are disqualified to stand. Make sure that you read the Electoral Commission guidance on standing for election as well as the legislation listed. If you are not sure if you are able to stand you should contact your employer (where relevant), consult the legislation or, if necessary, take your own independent legal advice.	
Add your full date of birth.	
Sign and date the document in the presence of another person. You must not sign the consent form earlier than one calendar month before the deadline for submitting your nomination papers.	
Get the other person to complete and sign the witness section. This should be the same person whose details you provided as your witness on the home address form.	
Method of submitting the form (which must include all pages of legislation) to the RO: in person (but not limited to you or your agent), by hand. It cannot be submitted by post, fax, e-mail or other electronic means.	
Certificate of authorisation (party candidates only)	
Ensure the certificate contains the candidate's full name.	
Check the certificate allows the registered party name or description given on the nomination paper to be used (or allows the candidate to choose to use the party name or any registered description).	
Ensure the certificate is issued by the party Nominating Officer (or someone that they have authorised to issue it on their behalf) and that it is the original copy signed by that person.	
Method of submitting the form to the RO: in person (but not limited to you or your agent) or by post.	
Request for party emblem (party candidates only)	
Write the name or description of an emblem registered by the party and published on the Electoral Commission's website.	
Ensure the request is made by the candidate.	
Method of submitting the form to the RO: in person (but not limited to you or your agent) or by post.	
Appoint an election agent (all candidates)	
Give the name, address and office address of the appointed election agent. If you do not appoint an agent or choose to act as your own agent and do not provide an office address, your home address will be published on the notice of election agents if that address is within the required area (otherwise the office address will be that of your proposer). This will be the case even if you have requested to withhold this information on the home address form.	
Ensure the appointed agent signs the form showing their acceptance.	
Method of submitting the form to the RO: in person (but not limited to you or your agent) or by post.	

1a - Nomination paper					Office use	e only	
Local g	overnment election	in England	Date received	Time rece	eived	Initials	No
	*ELECTION OF COU	JNCILLORS / A CC	L DUNCILLOR	for the			
		electoral division	on/ward of	the			
	rict/London borough of ichever is inappropriate						
Date of ele	ection:						
	dersigned, being local goverr minate the under-mentioned p					/ ward,	do
Candidat	e's Details						
Candidate's	surname					lr/Mrs/N ls/Dr/Ot	
Other foren	ames in full						
Commonly	used surname (if any)						
Commonly	used forenames (if any)						
Description Use no mor (see note 5	e than six words						
					Floctor	ral num	hor
	Signature	Print name			Polling District		tor
Proposer							
Seconder							
	ldersigned, being local governereby assent to the foregoing		the said *e	electoral	division	/	
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#### **Notes**

- 1. The attention of candidates and electors is drawn to the rules for completing nomination papers and other provisions relating to nomination papers contained in the election rules in the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 (as amended).
- 2. Where a candidate is commonly known by some title they may be described by their title as if it were their surname.
- **3.** Where a candidate commonly uses a name which is different from any other name they have, the commonly used name may also appear on the nomination paper, but if it does so, the commonly used name (instead of any other name) will appear on the ballot paper.
- **4.** But the ballot paper will show the other name if the Returning Officer thinks that the use of the commonly used name may:
  - (a) be likely to mislead or confuse electors, or
  - (b) that the commonly used name is obscene or offensive.
- **5.** The description, if any, can only be:
  - (a) one certified as an authorised or registered description as mentioned in Rule 5 of the election rules, or
  - (b) the word 'Independent'
- **6.** An elector may not:
  - (a) subscribe more nomination papers than there are vacancies to be filled in the electoral area in which the election is held, or
  - (b) subscribe a nomination paper for more than one electoral area in the same \*county/district/London borough.
- 7. In this form 'elector':
  - (a) means a person whose name is registered in the register of local government electors for the electoral area in question on the last day for the publication of notice of election, and
  - (b) includes a person then shown in the register as below voting age if (but only if) it appears from the register that he will be of voting age on the day fixed for the poll.
- **8.** However, a person who has an anonymous entry in the register of local government electors cannot nominate a candidate for election.

1b - Home address form						Office use	e only
Local government election	s in E	nglaı	nd	Date received	Time received	Initials	No
*ELECTION OF C	COUNCILI	LORS / /	A CO	UNCILLOR fo	or the		
		*e	electo	oral division/	ward of the		
*county/district/London borough of *Delete whichever is inappropriate							
Date of election:							
You must complete Part 1 Only complete Part 2 if you do not wish	your ho	me ado	dress	to be made	public		
Part 1: To be completed by all candida	ates in E	ngland					
Full name of candidate							
Home address (in full)							
Qualifying address: Add your qualifyin relevant qualifications below (you can	_		•	_	` ,	each of th	ie
Qualifications that apply (tick those wh	nich appl	y)	Addr	ess			
(a) I am registered as a local governm elector for the area of the *county/district/London borough name above							
(b) I have during the whole of the prec	eding						

12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the area named above

(c) my principal or only place of work during the preceding 12 months has been in the \*county/district/London borough named

(d) I have during the whole of the preceeding 12 months resided in the \*county/district or

Full name of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form

the candidate's consent to nomination form

Full home address of the person who will witness

London borough named above

above

Witness details

# Part 2: To be completed only if you do not wish your home address to be made public.

Note: Please submit this part (part 2) of the home address form with your nomination papers, even if your home address is to be made public.

If you request that your home address is not made public then your address will not appear on the statement of persons nominated, notice of poll or the ballot paper. Instead the name of the relevant area in which your home address is situated (or country, if outside the UK), as explained below, will appear on the statement of persons nominated, notice of poll and the ballot papers.

Statement: I require my home address not to be made public					
The relevant area my home address is situated in:	(insert name of relevant area) <sup>2</sup>				
OR					
My home address is situated outside the UK. My home address is situated in:	(insert name of country)				
Signature of candidate (only re	equired where Part 2 above has been completed)				
Candidate's signature:					
Date:					

Deliver both Parts 1 and 2 with the nomination paper to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations

### For home addresses in England:

- if the address is within a district for which there is a district council, that district;
- if the address is within a county in which there are no districts with councils, that county;
- if the address is within a London borough, that London borough;
- if the address is within the City of London (including the Inner and Middle Temples),
   the City of London; and
- if the address is within the Isles of Scilly, the Isles of Scilly

#### For home addresses in Wales:

- if the address is within a county, that county;
- if the address is within a county borough, that county borough

#### For home addresses in Scotland:

the local government area in which the address is situated

#### For home addresses in Northern Ireland:

the local government district in which the address is situated

Note: The relevant area should be given in the format described above and is not the ward or parish, nor should the local authority name be given in full

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> the name of the "relevant area" in which your home address is situated (if your home address is in the UK)

1c - Candidate's consent to		Offic	e use only			
Local government elections	in England	Date received T	me received Initi	als No		
*You must declare that you meet at least through any that do not apply. Any qua your home address form.	-	` ,				
Date of election:						
I (name in full):						
hereby consent to my nomination as a candidate for election as councillor for the:				electoral on/ ward		
of the *county/district/London borough of	f:					
I declare that on the day of my nomination, I am qualified and that, if there is a poll on the day of election, I will be qualified to be so elected by virtue of being on that day or those days a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of a Member State of the European Union, who has attained the age of 18 years and that:						
*a. I am registered as a local governr boro	nent elector for the ugh named above;		county/district/Lo	ndon		
*b. I have during the whole of the 12 r owner or tenant land or of				ied as		
*c. my principal or only place o *county/district/L	of work during thos ondon borough na					
*d I have during the whole of those 12 r	months resided in t named above.	he *county/dis	strict or London b	oorough		
I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am not disqualified for being elected by reason of any disqualification set out in, or decision made under, section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 (copies of which are printed overleaf), and I do not hold a politically restricted post, within the meaning of Part 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, under a local authority, within the meaning of that Part.						
Date of birth: Signatu	ıre:		Date of consent:			
Witness: I confirm the above-mentioned	candidate signed t	he declaration	n in my presence	).		
Witness (name in full):						
Witness's signature:						

#### **Local Government Act 1972**

#### 80. Disqualifications for election and holding office as member of local authority

- (1) Subject to the provisions of section 81 below, a person shall be disqualified for being elected or being a member of a local authority if he –
- (a) holds any paid office or employment (other than the office of chairman, vice-chairman, deputy chairman, presiding member or deputy presiding member or, in the case of a local authority which are operating executive arrangements which involve a leader and cabinet executive, the office of executive leader or member of the executive) appointments or elections to which are or may be made or confirmed by the local authority or any committee or subcommittee of the authority or by a joint committee or National Park authority on which the authority are represented or by any person holding any such office or employment; or
- (b) is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, or a debt relief restrictions order under Schedule 4ZB of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- (c) [This has been removed and no longer applies]
- (d) has within five years before the day of election or since his election been convicted in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man of any offence and has had passed on him a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months without the option of a fine; or
- (e) is disqualified for being elected or for being a member of that authority under Part III of the Representation of the People Act 1983.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of section 81 below, a paid officer of a local authority who is employed under the direction of –
- (a) a committee or sub-committee of the authority any member of which is appointed on the nomination of some other local authority; or
- (b) a joint board, joint authority, economic prosperity board, combined authority, joint waste authority or joint committee on which the authority are represented and any member of which is so appointed;
- shall be disqualified for being elected or being a member of that other local authority.
- (2AA) A paid member of staff of the Greater London Authority who is employed under the direction of a joint committee the membership of which includes –
- (a) one or more persons appointed on the nomination of the Authority acting by the Mayor, and
- (b) one or more members of one or more London borough councils appointed to the committee on the nomination of those councils,
- shall be disqualified for being elected or being a member of any of those London borough councils.
- (2A) Subsection (2) above shall have effect as if the reference to a joint board included a reference to a National Park authority.
- (2B) For the purposes of this section a local authority shall be treated as represented on a National Park authority if it is entitled to make any appointment of a local authority member of the National Park authority.
- (3) Subsection (1)(a) shall have effect in relation to a teacher in a school maintained by the local authority who does not hold an employment falling within that provision as it has effect in relation to a teacher in such a school who holds such an employment.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (1)(d) above, the ordinary date on which the period allowed for making an appeal or application with respect to the conviction expires or, if such an appeal or application is made, the date on which the appeal or application is finally disposed of or

abandoned or fails by reason of the non-prosecution thereof shall be deemed to be the date of the conviction.

### Candidate's consent to nomination

## Local government election in England

#### 81. Exception to provisions of section 80

- (4) Section 80(2) and (3) above shall not operate so to disqualify -
- (a) any person by reason of his being a teacher, or otherwise employed, in a school or other educational institution maintained or assisted by a county council for being a member of a district council by reason that the district council nominates members of the education committee of the county council

#### Localism Act 2011

Section 34(4) describes how a person may be disqualified from standing in local government elections under this section. The remaining provisions of section 34 do not directly affect a person's entitlement to stand for election.

#### 34 Offences

- (1) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, the person—
  - (a) fails to comply with an obligation imposed on the person by section 30(1) or 31(2),
  - (3) or (7),
  - (b) participates in any discussion or vote in contravention of section 31(4), or
  - (c) takes any steps in contravention of section 31(8).
- (2) A person commits an offence if under section 30(1) or 31(2), (3) or (7) the person provides information that is false or misleading and the person—
  - (a) knows that the information is false or misleading, or
  - (b) is reckless as to whether the information is true and not misleading.
- (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (4) A court dealing with a person for an offence under this section may (in addition to any other power exercisable in the person's case) by order disqualify the person, for a period not exceeding five years, for being or becoming (by election or otherwise) a member or co-opted member of the relevant authority in question or any other relevant authority.
- (5) A prosecution for an offence under this section is not to be instituted except by or on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- (6) Proceedings for an offence under this section may be brought within a period of 12 months beginning with the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the prosecutor to warrant the proceedings came to the prosecutor's knowledge.
- (7) But no such proceedings may be brought more than three years—
  - (a) after the commission of the offence, or
  - (b) in the case of a continuous contravention, after the last date on which the offence was committed.
- (8) A certificate signed by the prosecutor and stating the date on which such evidence came to the prosecutor's knowledge is conclusive evidence of that fact; and a certificate to that

effect and purporting to be so signed is to be treated as being so signed unless the contrary is proved.

# Candidate's consent to nomination Local government election in England

- (9) The Local Government Act 1972 is amended as follows.
- (10) In section 86(1)(b) (authority to declare vacancy where member becomes disqualified otherwise than in certain cases) after " 2000 " insert " or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 "
- (11) In section 87(1)(ee) (date of casual vacancies)—
- (a) after "2000" insert " or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 or ", and
- (b) after "decision" insert " or order ".
- (12) The Greater London Authority Act 1999 is amended as follows.
- (13) In each of sections 7(b) and 14(b) (Authority to declare vacancy where Assembly member or Mayor becomes disqualified otherwise than in certain cases) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—
  - "(ia) under section 34 of the Localism Act 2011,".
- (14) In section 9(1)(f) (date of casual vacancies)—
  - (a) before "or by virtue of" insert " or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011", and
- (b) after "that Act" insert " of 1998 or that section".

2 - Certificate of authorisation			Office	use only
Local government elections in England	Date received	Time received	Initials	No

To accompany the nomination of a candidate standing on behalf of a registered political party. (Note: candidates standing on behalf of two or more parties require a certificate from each party and each must allow the same registered joint description to be used).

This certificate must be issued by the registered Nominating Officer of the party or by a person authorised to sign on their behalf.

This certificate authorises the candidate to use a specific registered description or the name of the party as registered with the Electoral Commission, or to use 'any registered description or the party name as registered with the Electoral Commission'.

This authorised party name or description can then be included by the candidate on the nomination form. It is this which will appear as their description on the ballot paper. Party names and registered descriptions are listed on the Electoral Commission's website (<a href="http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk">http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk</a>).

Details of candid	thorise	d and the allo	wed descrip	otion/party name	
Ward/division name:				Date of election:	
The candidate (name in full):					
Name of political part	y:	F	Political party regi	stered with the	Electoral Commission
I hereby certify that the may include the follow registered description name in their nominal	wing or party				
Note: it is an offence or author		•	u are not the pa party's registere	•	
Signature of party's ro Officer (or person aut registered Nominating	horised by the				
Name of person signi	ng this form:				
Date:					

This form must be delivered to the Returning Officer by no later than **4pm** on the last day to deliver nominations.

3 - Request for a party emblem			Office	use only
Local government elections in England	Date received	Time received	Initials	No

This form is for a candidate of a political party who is subject to a certificate of authorisation and who wishes to have a party emblem printed on the ballot paper next to their name.

Party emblems are listed on the Electoral Commission's website (http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk).

This form must be signed by the candidate.

Candidate's request for use of an emblem					
			Date of		
Ward/division name:			election:		
Candidate name in full:					
I request that the ba	allot pape	er shall contain, agains	st my name, the fo	ollowing registered	
emblem (please i	dentify w	hich emblem if the par	rty has registered	more than one):	
Emblem to be used					
(Please use name or	loctoral				
description as on the ECommission's website					
Candidate's signature:					
Date:					

This form is only effective if delivered for a candidate standing on behalf of a political party to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations.

Candidates standing on behalf of more than one political party and using a joint description may choose one emblem from one of the parties that you are standing for. Please indicate the name of the party and the emblem name in the 'Emblem to be used' box above.

4 - Notification of an election agent					Office use only
Local government	elections	in England	Date received	Time received	Initials N
Ward/division name					·
Date of election:					
Candidate's notification	on of their e	election agen	t		
I, (Candidate name in full)	:				
Hereby declare that the na	ame and addre	ess of my electio	n agent is:		
Agent's name:					
Agent's address (in full):					
The office address of my		it to which all cla uments may be s		s, legal prod	cess and the
Agent's office address (in	full):				
Candidate's signature (or of person authorised to act on behalf of candidate):					
Date:					
Confirmation of acce	ptance by	election agen	t		
I [agent named above] conf candidate. I understand that I must car penalties if I fail to fulfil my (	ry out my duti	es according to I	J		
Agent's signature:					
Date:					
Agent's other details	in case of	query (option	al – will ı	not be pu	blished)
Home telephone:					
Work telephone:					
Mobile telephone:					
Email address:					

Return to the Returning Officer by no later than  ${\bf 4pm}$  on the last day to deliver nominations.

# Local government election

Electoral area

## Notice of withdrawal

of					Council
Date of election:					
To be completed by to the Returning Offi working days before Returning Officer for	icer at the place poll]. If the ca	e fixed for the deliven and the second of th	ery of nomina	ation pape	rs by 4pm on [19
I (candidate's name	e)				
of (address of cand	didate)				
having been nomin	ated, <b>withdra</b> v	<b>v</b> my nomination as	a candidate	for the ab	ove election.
Section 1 – To be	completed by	the candidate in t	he presenc	e of a witr	ness
Signature of candid	date			Date	
Section 2 – to be	Section 2 – to be completed by witness				
Signature of witnes	es			Date	
Print name of witner (in BLOCK CAPITA					
The data controller will only	y use the informatio	n you have provided on th	is form for electo	oral purposes	and will look after your

\*Election of councillors / a councillor for (\*Delete whichever is inappropriate)

personal information securely, following data protection legislation. The data controller will not give personal information about you and the personal information you may provide on other people to anyone else or another organisation unless required by law.

The lawful basis to collect the information in this form is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and exercise of official authority as vested in the Returning Officer as set out in Representation of the People Act 1983 and associated regulations.

The Returning Officer is the Data Controller. For further information relating to the processing of personal data you should refer to their privacy notice on their website.

For official use only			
Lodged	(date)	(time)	

# Appointment of polling agents

Polling agents can be appointed Officer to find the deadline by warmen and		ne candidate. 1 Contact the relevant Returning e delivered.
Local authority / combined authority / voting area:		
Name of ward / division / constituency / region / voting area / constituent council (if different from above)		
Name of candidate (Optional: include description, if any):		
Signature of candidate or election agent:		
I appoint the following people a	as polling agents:	
Name and address of (include postc		List of polling stations to which they are appointed

Name and address of polling agent (include postcode)	List of polling stations to which they are appointed

The data controller will only use the information you have provided on this form for electoral purposes and will look after your personal information securely, following data protection legislation. The data controller will not give personal information about you and the personal information you may provide on other people to anyone else or another organisation unless required by law.

The lawful basis to collect the information in this form is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and exercise of official authority as vested in the Returning Officer as set out in Representation of the People Act 1983 and associated regulations.

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<sup>1</sup> An election agent can also use this form to appoint polling agents but only at: UK Parliamentary elections, local authority mayoral, combined authority mayoral, police and crime commissioner, Scottish local government, Greater London Authority, Senedd and Scottish Parliamentary elections.

# Appointment of counting agents

and the maximum number of co	Officer to fir ounting ager on agent ma	nd the deadline by which this form must be deli- nts that may be appointed. By be designated as able to request a re-count.	
Local authority / combined authority / voting area:			
Name of ward / division / constituency / region / voting area / constituent council (if different from above):			
Name of candidate:			
Signature of candidate or election agent:			
I appoint the following people a	as counting a	agents:	
Name of counting agent		Address of counting agent (including postcode)	DCA

The data controller will only use the information you have provided on this form for electoral purposes and will look after your personal information securely, following data protection legislation. The data controller will not give personal information about you and the personal information you may provide on other people to anyone else or another organisation unless required by law.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An election agent can also use this form to appoint counting agents but only at: UK Parliamentary elections, local authority mayoral, combined authority mayoral, police and crime commissioner, Greater London Authority, Senedd, Scottish local government, and Scottish Parliamentary elections.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This applies at combined authority mayoral, police and crime commissioner, Greater London Authority, and Senedd (regional contest only) elections.

Local government election

# Appointment of postal vote agents

		candidate or their election agent using this form.  ximum number that you may appoint.
Name of Local authority / combined authority / voting area:		
Name of ward / division / constituency / region / voting area / constituent council (if different from above)		
Name of candidate:		
Signature of candidate or election agent:		
I appoint the following people a	as agents to atte	end postal vote openings:
Name of postal vote a	agent	Address of postal vote agent

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## **R** Local Government Election

# Candidate request for register

Please return this form to:

Electoral Service Office
Tamworth Borough Council
Marmion House
Lichfield Street
Tamworth
Staffordshire
B79 7BZ

Email: candidates&agents@tamworth.gov.uk

### Local Elections - Thursday 5 May 2022

I declare that I am a candidate at the above named election. I will use my copy of the electoral register for electoral purposes and checking the validity of donations only. I will only allow others who are assisting me in my campaign to use my copy of the electoral register for the same purposes only. I understand that any use other than electoral or donation checking purposes is illegal with an unlimited fine.

Please supply me with a copy of the Register of Electors for the following:

Ward					
Amington	1		Mercian		
Belgrave			Spital		
Bolehall			Stonydelph		
Castle			Trinity		
Glascote			Wilnecote		
If you would also like	ke the absent voters list for	or you w	ard please indicate b	elow:	
-	st of Postal Voters		Final list of Postal V		
Current L	ist of Proxy Voters		Final List of Proxy V	oters/	
Please provide the	Register in the format in	dicated b	pelow¹:		
	Paper	P	DF	Data	_
requests for absent v Office and provide a	s an independent candidate voter lists) you will need to copy of your registration wi supplied with a paper copy	ensure th ith this fo	at you are registered wrm. If this is not include	vith the Information ed with the complet	Commissioners ed request form
Please go to https://	//ico.org.uk for more infor	rmation			
Name:					
Address:					
Postcode:					
Email Address:					
Signed:					
Date:					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated the Register will be provided electronically in pdf format.

# Timetable for local elections taking place in Tamworth on Thursday 5 May 2022

This timetable covers the following polls taking place on Thursday 5 May 2022:

- local government principal area elections (i.e. district, borough, county borough and unitary authority elections)
- parish council elections
- local authority mayoral elections in England
- any combined authority mayoral elections in England

The days which are disregarded in calculating the timetable are Saturday, Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Monday, bank holidays and any day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.

Please be aware that the timetable may change in the event of days being appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.

Date	Event	Extra Information
Wednesday 23 March	Notice of Election Published	Will be displayed in main Reception area and on website
Wednesday 23 March to Tuesday 5 April	Nominations for Tamworth Borough Council Local Elections	Nominations will be taken daily between 10am and 4pm. Please make an appointment by calling 01827 709263 or by emailing candidates&agents@tamworth.gov.uk  Nomination Forms will be available to download from http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/elections-2022 after the briefing has taken place on Wednesday 9 March 2022 alternatively you can access them on the Electoral Commission's website.
Wednesday 6 April	Poll cards to be delivered by end of day	
Tuesday 5 April	DEADLINE for receipt of Nomination Papers (4pm) DEADLINE for withdrawal of candidature (4pm) DEADLINE of Appointment of Election Agents	
	Publication of Notice of Election Agents (one per ward)	Will be displayed in main Reception area and on website.
Publish Statement of Persons (no later 4pm on Wednesday 6 April)		Will be displayed in main Reception area and on website

Date	Event	Extra Information
Tuesday 12 April	Initial batch of postal vote packs posted today 1 <sup>st</sup> class	These will be for existing postal voters only. Any new (or amended postal voters will not have their packs despatched until Friday 22 April.
Friday 14 April	<b>DEADLINE</b> for receipt of registrations (Midnight)	
Tuesday 19 April	DEADLINE for receipt of new postal vote applications (5pm)  DEADLINE to amend or cancel an existing proxy or postal vote (5pm)  DEADLINE to apply for a postal-proxy (5pm)	
Friday 22 April	Second batch of postal vote packs posted today 1 <sup>st</sup> class	
Tuesday 26 April	DEADLINE to publish Notice of Poll (one per electoral area) DEADLINE to apply for a proxy (5pm)	Will be displayed in main Reception area and on website.
Wednesday 27 April	DEADLINE for Appointments of Polling and Counting Agents.	
Thursday 28 April	First day to reissue lost/spoilt postal vote packs.	
	Polling Day (7am to 10pm)	The verification and counting of ballot papers will take at The Rawlett School (An AET Academy), Comberford Road, Tamworth, B79 9AA overnight on Thursday 5 May.
Thursday 5 May	<b>DEADLINE</b> for receipt of Emergency Proxy Vote Applications (5pm)	The emergency MUST have occurred after 5pm on Tuesday 26 April.  If after 5pm on Tuesday 26 April the elector is unable to vote in person because they:  • Have a medical emergency that occurred after 5pm on Tuesday 26, or  Learnt that they cannot go to the polling station because of work reasons that occurred after 5pm on Tuesday 26 April
	<b>DEADLINE</b> to reissue lost/spoilt Postal Vote Packs (5pm)	

Date	Event	Extra Information
		Please see the <u>Electoral Commission</u> website for further guidance.
		Election expenses should be sent to:
Friday 10 June +35 days from Declaration	<b>DEADLINE</b> to submit candidates' expenses	Bernie Flanagan Electoral Services Manager Tamworth Borough Council Marmion House Lichfield Street Tamworth Staffordshire B79 7BZ



### REQUIREMENT OF SECRECY

These provisions concern the maintaining of secrecy of the voting and should be read carefully before you attend at any polling station, the issue or receipt of ballot papers for persons voting by post or at the counting of the votes.

#### Representation of the People Act, 1983 - Section 66, as amended

- (1) The following persons-
  - (a) every Returning Officer and every presiding officer or clerk attending at a polling station,
  - (b) every candidate or election agent or polling agent so attending,
  - (c) every person so attending by virtue of any sections 6A to 6D of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of voting and shall not, except for some purpose authorised by law, communicate to any person before the poll is closed any information as to –

- (i) the name of any elector or proxy for an elector who has or has not applied for a ballot paper or voted at a polling station:
- (ii) the number on the register of electors of any elector who, or whose proxy, has or has not applied for a ballot paper or voted at a polling station; or
- (iii) the official mark.
- (2) Every person attending at the counting of votes shall maintain and aid in the maintaining of secrecy of voting and shall not
  - (a) ascertain or attempt to ascertain at the counting of votes the number or other unique identifying mark on the back of any ballot paper;
  - (b) communicate any information obtained at the counting of votes as to the candidate for whom any vote is given on a particular ballot paper.
- (3) No person shall-
  - (a) interfere with or attempt to interfere with a voter when recording his vote;
  - (b) otherwise obtain or attempt to obtain in a polling station information as to the referendum answer or the way for which a voter in that station is about to vote or has voted;
  - (c) communicate at any time to any person any information obtained in a polling station as to the candidate for whom a voter in that station is about to vote or has voted, or as to the number or other unique identifying mark on the back of the ballot paper given to a voter at that station.
  - (d) directly or indirectly induce a voter to display his ballot paper after he has marked it so as to make known to any person the name of the candidate for whom he has or has not voted.
  - (4) Every person attending the proceedings in connection with the issue or the receipt of ballot papers for persons voting by post shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting and shall not—
    - (a) except for some purposes authorised by law, communicate, before the poll is closed, to any person any information obtained at these proceedings as to the official mark; or
    - (b) except for some purpose authorised by law, communicate to any person at any time any information obtained at these proceedings as to the number or other unique identifying mark on the back of the ballot paper sent to any person; or
    - (c) except for some purpose authorised by law, attempt to ascertain at the proceedings in connection with the receipt of ballot papers the number or other unique identifying mark on the back of any ballot paper; or
    - (d) attempt to ascertain at the proceedings in connection with the receipt of the ballot papers the candidate for whom any vote is given or the candidate for whom any vote is given in any particular ballot paper or communicate any information with respect thereto obtained at these proceedings.
- (5) No person having undertaken to assist a voter with disabilities to vote shall communicate at any time to any person any information as to the candidate for whom that voter intends to vote or has voted, or as to the number or other unique identifying mark on the back of the ballot paper given for the use of that voter.
- (6) If a person acts in contravention of this section he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months.