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**Nomination Paper Pack**  
**Staffordshire County Council Elections – Thursday 1 May 2025**

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
- Consent to Nomination – *please note that this must be submitted with the relevant legislative extracts from the following:*
  - Section 80 Local Government Act 1972
  - Localism Act 2011
  - Elections Act 2022
- 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
- Request for electoral register
- Request for a copy of the lists of postal and proxy voters
- Election Timetable
- Secrecy Requirements
- The sharing of candidate's contact details with Staffordshire Police (Operation Ford)

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 Tuesday 25 March and Wednesday 2 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 Wednesday 2 April 2025.

**The deadline to submit your nomination papers is 4pm on Wednesday 2 April 2025.**

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

Yours sincerely



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## **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 [Information Commissioner's Office](#) 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.



CL	Local government election in England	Candidate checklist
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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 [Guidance for candidates and agents](#).

Task	Tick
<b>Nomination form (all candidates)</b>	
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 – the proposer and seconder 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.	

Task	Tick
<b>Candidate's home address form (all candidates)</b>	
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.	

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

Task	Tick
<b>Candidate's consent (all candidates)</b>	
You must be a British citizen a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a qualifying EU citizen, or an EU citizen with retained rights, who does not require leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom or has indefinite leave to 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 <b>should cross through any that do not apply</b> . 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.	
<b>Certificate of authorisation (party candidates only)</b>	
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.	
<b>Request for party emblem (party candidates only)</b>	
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.	
<b>Appoint an election agent (all candidates)</b>	
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.	





<b>1a – Nomination paper</b>		Office use only			
<b>Local government election in England</b>		Date received	Time received	Initials	No
*ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS / A COUNCILLOR for the					
		electoral division/ward of the			
county/district/London borough of *Delete whichever is inappropriate					
Date of election:					

<b>Candidate's Details</b>	
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)	

We, the undersigned, being local government electors for the said *electoral division/ ward, do hereby assent to the foregoing nomination *Delete whichever is inappropriate			
	Signature	Print name	Electoral number
			Polling District    Elector Number
Proposer			
Seconder			

#### 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 or names –

- (a) that are different from the candidate's full names as stated on the nomination paper, or
- (b) in a different way from the candidate's full names as stated on the nomination paper,

the commonly used name or names may also appear on the nomination paper, but if they do so, the commonly used name or names (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.

<b>1b – Home address form</b>		Office use only			
<b>Local government elections in England</b>		Date received	Time received	Initials	No
*ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS / A COUNCILLOR for the					
		*electoral 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 home address to be made public

<b>Part 1: To be completed by all candidates in England</b>	
Full name of candidate	
Home address (in full)	
Qualifying address: Add your qualifying address, or qualifying addresses (in full) to each of the relevant qualifications below (you can complete more than one qualification).	
Qualifications that apply (tick those which apply)	Address
(a) I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the *county/district/London borough named above	
(b) I have during the whole of the preceding 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 above	
(d) I have during the whole of the preceding 12 months resided in the *county/district or London borough named above	
<b>Witness details</b>	
Full name of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form	
Full home address of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form	

<b>Part 2: To be completed only if you do not wish your home address to be made public.</b>	
<b>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.</b>	
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 required 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

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

• **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

<b>1c – Candidate’s consent to nomination</b>	Office use only			
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<b>Local government elections in England</b>				

\*You must declare that you meet at least one of the listed qualification(s) below and may declare more than one qualification if applicable. **To do this, strike through any that do not apply.** Any qualification(s) that apply must match the information given on 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 division/ ward	
of the *county/district/London borough of:			

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, a qualifying EU citizen, or an EU citizen with retained rights, who has attained the age of 18 years and that:

- \*a. I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the \*county/district/London borough named above; or
- \*b. I have during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day, or those days, occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the area named above; or
- \*c. my principal or only place of work during those 12 months has been in the \*county/district/London borough named above; or
- \*d I have during the whole of those 12 months resided in the \*county/district or London borough named above.

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, sections 80 or 81A of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011, or section 30 of the Elections Act 2022 (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.

**Note 1:** A candidate who is qualified by more than one qualification may complete any of those which may apply.

**Note 2:** Disqualifications set out under s.81A of the Local Government Act 1972 only apply to a person who is subject to any relevant notification requirements, or a relevant order, made on or after 28 June 2022.

Date of birth:	
Signature:	
Date of consent:	

Witness: I confirm the above-mentioned candidate signed the declaration 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 sub-committee 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.

**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

**81A. Disqualification relating to sexual offences etc**

- (1) A person is disqualified for being elected or being a member of a local authority in England if the person is subject to—
- (a) any relevant notification requirements, or
- (b) a relevant order.
- (2) In this section "relevant notification requirements" means—
- (a) the notification requirements of Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003;
- (b) the notification requirements of Part 2 of the Sex Offenders (Jersey) Law 2010;
- (c) the notification requirements of Part 2 of the Criminal Justice (Sex Offenders and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2013;
- (d) the notification requirements of Schedule 1 to the Criminal Justice Act 2001 (an Act of Tynwald: c. 4).
- (3) In this section "relevant order" means—
- (a) a sexual harm prevention order under section 345 of the Sentencing Code;
- (b) a sexual harm prevention order under section 103A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003;
- (c) a sexual offences prevention order under section 104 of that Act;
- (d) a sexual risk order under section 122A of that Act;
- (e) a risk of sexual harm order under section 123 of that Act;
- (f) a risk of sexual harm order under section 2 of the Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2005;
- (g) a sexual risk order under section 27 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016;
- (h) a restraining order under Article 10 of the Sex Offenders (Jersey) Law 2010;
- (i) a child protection order under Article 11 of that Law;
- (j) a sexual offences prevention order under section 18 of the Criminal Justice (Sex Offenders and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2013;
- (k) a risk of sexual harm order under section 22 of that Law;
- (l) a sexual offences prevention order under section 1 of the Sex Offenders Act 2006 (an Act of Tynwald: c. 20);
- (m) a risk of sexual harm order under section 5 of that Act.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), a person who is subject to any relevant notification requirements is not to be regarded as disqualified until—

- (a) the expiry of the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or application against the conviction, finding, caution, order or certification in respect of which the person is subject to the relevant notification requirements, or
  - (b) if such an appeal or application is made, the date on which it is finally disposed of or abandoned or fails because it is not prosecuted.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b), a person who is subject to a relevant order is not to be regarded as disqualified until—
- (a) the expiry of the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal against the relevant order, or
  - (b) if such an appeal is made, the date on which it is finally disposed of or abandoned or fails because it is not prosecuted.

## **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.

(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"

## **Elections Act 2022**

### **30 Disqualification orders**

(1) This section applies where—

(a) a person ("the offender") is convicted of a Schedule 9 offence,

(b) the offender was aged 18 or over when the offence was committed, and

(c) the court is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the offence is aggravated by hostility related to persons falling within any of sections 32 to 34.

(2) The court must, when dealing with the offender for the offence, also make an order (a "disqualification order") that the offender is disqualified, for the period of 5 years beginning with the date on which the order is made—

(a) for being nominated for election to a relevant elective office, and

(b) for being elected to or holding a relevant elective office.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply where the court considers that there are particular circumstances relating to the offence or to the offender which would make it unjust in all the circumstances to make the order; and in such a case the court must state in open court the reasons for not making the order.

(4) For the purposes of this section an offence is aggravated by hostility related to persons falling within any of sections 32 to 34 if—

(a) at the time of committing the offence, or immediately before or after doing so, the offender demonstrated towards the victim of the offence hostility based on the victim being (or being presumed to be) a person falling within any of sections 32 to 34, or

(b) the offence was motivated (wholly or partly) by hostility towards persons falling within any of those sections in their capacity as such.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (4) it is immaterial whether or not the offender's hostility is also based, to any extent, on any other factor not mentioned in that subsection.

(6) For the purpose of deciding whether to make a disqualification order the court may consider evidence led by the prosecution and the defence.

(7) It is immaterial whether evidence led in pursuance of subsection (6) would have been admissible in the proceedings in which the offender was convicted.

(8) Where a Schedule 9 offence is found to have been committed—

(a) over a period of 2 or more days, or

(b) at some time during a period of 2 or more days,

it is to be taken for the purposes of subsection (1)(b) to have been committed on the last of those days.

(9) In this section—

“presumed” means presumed by the offender;

“Schedule 9 offence” means an offence listed in Schedule 9 (and any reference in that Schedule to an offence includes a reference to that offence committed by aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of that offence).

<b>2 – Certificate of authorisation</b>	Office use only			
<b>Local government elections in England</b>	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 (<http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk>).

<b>Details of candidate to be authorised and the allowed description/party name</b>			
Ward/division name:		Date of election:	
The candidate (name in full):			
Name of political party:	Political party registered with the Electoral Commission		
I hereby certify that the candidate may include the following registered description or party name in their nomination form:			
Note: it is an offence to sign this form if you are not the party's registered nominating officer or authorised to do so by the party's registered nominating officer			
Signature of party's registered Nominating Officer (or person authorised by the registered Nominating Officer):			
Name of person signing this form:			
Date:			

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



<b>3 – Request for a party emblem</b>	Office use only			
<b>Local government elections in England</b>	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.**

<b>Candidate's request for use of an emblem</b>			
Ward/division name:		Date of election:	
Candidate name in full:			
I request that the ballot paper shall contain, against my name, the following registered emblem (please identify which emblem if the party has registered more than one):			
Emblem to be used (Please use name or description as on the <a href="http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk">Electoral Commission's website</a> ):			
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.



<b>4 – Notification of an election agent</b>		Office use only		
<b>Local government elections in England</b>		Date received	Time received	Initials
Ward/division name				
Date of election:				

<b>Candidate's notification of their election agent</b>	
I, (Candidate name in full):	
Hereby declare that the name and address of my election agent is:	
Agent's name:	
Agent's address (in full):	
The office address of my election agent to which all claims, notices, legal process and the other documents may be sent is:	
Agent's office address (in full):	
Candidate's signature (or of person authorised to act on behalf of candidate):	
Date:	

<b>Confirmation of acceptance by election agent</b>	
I [agent named above] confirm my acceptance as the election agent for the above named candidate. I understand that I must carry out my duties according to law. I understand that there are penalties if I fail to fulfil my duties according to law.	
Agent's signature:	
Date:	

<b>Agent's other details in case of query (optional – will not be published)</b>	
Home telephone:	
Work telephone:	
Mobile telephone:	
Email address:	

Return to the Returning Officer by no later than **4pm** on the last day to deliver nominations.





## Local government election

## Notice of withdrawal

*Election of councillors / a councillor for (*Delete whichever is inappropriate)	
Electoral area	
of	Council
Date of election:	

To be completed by candidates seeking to **withdraw their nomination** and to be delivered to the Returning Officer at the place fixed for the delivery of nomination papers by 4pm on **[19 working days before poll]**. If the candidate is outside the United Kingdom please contact the Returning Officer for further advice.

I (candidate's name)			
of (address of candidate)			
having been nominated, <b>withdraw</b> my nomination as a candidate for the above election.			
<b>Section 1 – To be completed by the candidate in the presence of a witness</b>			
Signature of candidate		Date	
<b>Section 2 – to be completed by witness</b>			
Signature of witness		Date	
Print name of witness (in BLOCK CAPITALS)			

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<b>For official use only</b>	
Lodged _____	(date) _____ (time) _____



## Appointment of polling agents

Polling agents can be appointed using this form by the candidate.<sup>1</sup> Contact the relevant Returning Officer to find the deadline by which this form must be 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 as polling agents:

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

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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

Counting agents may be appointed using this form by the candidate.<sup>1</sup>  
 Contact the relevant Returning Officer to find the deadline by which this form must be delivered and the maximum number of counting agents that may be appointed.  
 In some elections, ONE counting agent may be designated as able to request a re-count.<sup>2</sup> They can be selected by ticking the box in the 'DCA' column below.

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 as counting agents:

Name of counting agent	Address of counting agent (including postcode)	DCA

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





Name of postal vote agent	Address of postal vote agent

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## Request for electoral register

Name of electoral area: (e.g. ward / division / constituency / region / voting area / combined authority)	
Date of election	

This form must be submitted to the [Electoral Registration Officer](#) for the electoral area. Some elections/referendums cover more than one registration area so you may need to apply to each area.

This form must be completed by the candidate, except in the case of party lists such as at GLA London Member, Scottish Parliamentary regional or Senedd Cymru regional elections where this form must be completed by the election agent.

Declaration of candidacy and confirmation of legal use of electoral register information	
Name of Candidate / party list election agent	
I declare that I am a candidate / party list election agent 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 for electoral or donation checking purposes is illegal and is punishable by a fine. In England and Wales, the fine is unlimited; in Scotland the fine can be up to £5,000. My request is for the register as at the last date for notice of election and any revisions or notices of amendment while I am a candidate.	
Signed (Candidate / party list election agent)	

Delivery details		
My application is for the electoral register in (tick one box only):		
Paper format	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Data format	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delivery address:		

Contact details (in case of query)	
Telephone	
Email	

This electoral register can only be supplied when you officially become a candidate. Further information on this is contained in our [guidance for candidates and agents](#).

*We will only use the information you give us on this form for electoral purposes. We will look after your personal information securely and we will follow data protection legislation. We will not give personal information about you, or any personal information you may provide on other people, to anyone else or another organisation unless we have to by law.*

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## Request for a copy of the lists of postal and proxy voters

Name of electoral area: (e.g ward/division/constituency/region/voting area/combined authority)		Date of election
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The lists of postal and proxy voters are maintained and held locally by the [Electoral Registration Officer](#). Some elections/referendums cover more than one registration area so you may need to make separate requests to **each of the relevant Electoral Registration Officers**. Contact details can be found on [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter).

This form must be completed by the candidate, except in the case of party lists such as at GLA London Member, Scottish Parliamentary regional or Senedd regional elections where this form must be completed by the election agent.

<p><b>Declaration of candidacy and confirmation of legal use of absent vote list information</b>  <i>For further information relating to the processing of personal data you should refer to the privacy notice on the data controller's website. You can find their website address at <a href="http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter">www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter</a></i></p>	
Name of Candidate / party list election agent	
<p>I declare that I am a candidate / party list election agent at the above named election. I will use my copy of the absent vote list (postal and/or proxy voters list) for <b>electoral purposes only</b>. I will only allow others who are assisting me in my campaign to use my copy of this data for the same purposes only. I understand that any use other than electoral purposes is illegal and is punishable by law. In England and Wales, the fine is unlimited; in Scotland, the fine can be up to £5,000.</p>	
Signed (Candidate / party list election agent)	

Application and delivery details		
My application is for the absent vote list in (you may tick as many boxes that you wish):		
The current list of postal voters		
The current list of proxy voters		
The final list of postal voters		
The final list of proxy voters		
Please supply the data in (please tick one box only):		
Paper format		
Data format		
Delivery address:		

Contact details (in case of query)	
Telephone	
Mobile	
Email	

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# Staffordshire County Council Elections – Thursday 1 May 2025

## Key dates and Deadline for Thursday 1 May 2025

All information and election notices will be published here:

[www.tamworth.gov.uk/elections-2025](http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/elections-2025) (this page will not go live until the end of February.)

**A Candidates and Agents Briefing** will take place on Wednesday 12 March at [6:00pm via Teams](#).

**Nominations** will run daily from Tuesday 25 March to Wednesday 2 April between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm (excluding lunch).

An additional **Candidates and Agents Briefing** will take place via Teams on Friday 4 April at 6pm for confirmed candidates and agents. The link for this will be email to candidates and agents around 6pm on Wednesday 2 April.

**Postal Vote Issue Dates** – visit to printers will be on Wednesday 9 April.

Postal Vote Posting Dates (using Royal Mail 1 <sup>st</sup> Class)	
1 <sup>st</sup> Tranche	<b>Wednesday 9 April</b> (for existing postal voters and those who submit a successful application by 9 March.)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tranche	<b>Wednesday 16 April</b> (for electors that submitted a successful application after 9 March.)
Hand issued tranches	Daily from Tuesday 22 April (as required)

## Provisional Postal Vote Opening Sessions

Session No	Date	Time
TR	Wednesday 23 April	9:30am for Training
1		10:00am to 5:00pm
2	Thursday 24 April	10:00am to 5:00pm
3	Friday 25 April	10:00am to 5:00pm
4	Saturday 26 April <i>(Unlikely to be required so please check it is going ahead before you make plans to attend.)</i>	10:00am to 4:00pm
5	Monday 28 April	10:00am to 5:00pm
6	Tuesday 29 April	10:00am to 5:00pm
7	Wednesday 30 April	10:00am to 5:00pm
8	Thursday 1 May	10:00am to 5:00pm
		From 8pm at verification & count venue.

The sessions listed above will only take place if there is enough post received to run the session.

Candidates and Agents must be given a minimum of 48 hours' notice should further sessions be added to this schedule.

## Interim Notices of Alteration

	Determined by Date	Notice Publication Date
1 <sup>st</sup> Interim	Tuesday 1 April	Wednesday 2 April
2 <sup>nd</sup> Interim	Monday 7 April	Tuesday 8 April
Final Interim	Wednesday 23 April	Thursday 24 April

**The verification & counting of votes will take place overnight on Thursday 1 May at:**

The Sports Hall  
The Rawlett School (An AET Academy)  
Comberford Road  
Tamworth  
B77 9AA

The deadline to submit forms for polling and counting agents is Tuesday 22 April. Please ensure that you have returned your forms in good time.

Tickets for the verification and count can be collected from Marmion House between Monday 28 April and 4pm on Thursday 1 May. **Anyone who has not collected their verification and count ticket at this point may be refused entry into the verification and count venue.**

## Timetable for local elections taking place in Tamworth on Thursday 1 May 2025

This timetable covers the following polls taking place on Thursday 1 May 2025:

- local government principal area elections (i.e. district, borough, county borough and unitary authority elections)
- parish council elections
- local authority mayoral elections in England
- police and crime commissioner 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
Tuesday 25 March	Notice of Election Published for Staffordshire County Council elections	Will be displayed in main Reception area and on website.
Tuesday 25 March to Wednesday 2 April (4pm)	Nominations for the Staffordshire County Council elections	Nominations will be taken daily between 10am and 4pm. Please make an appointment by calling 01827 709263 or by emailing <a href="mailto:candidates&amp;agents@tamworth.gov.uk">candidates&amp;agents@tamworth.gov.uk</a>  <a href="#">Nomination Forms are available to download from the Electoral Commission.</a>  Further information will be available on <a href="http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/elections-2025">www.tamworth.gov.uk/elections-2025</a> after the briefing has taken place on <b>Wednesday 12 March.</b>  <b><u>Please ensure that you DO NOT use old nomination forms</u></b>
Wednesday 2 April	<b>DEADLINE</b> for receipt of Nomination Papers (4pm)	
	<b>DEADLINE</b> for withdrawal of candidature (4pm)	
	<b>DEADLINE</b> of Appointment of Election Agents	
	Publication of Notice of Election Agents (one per electoral area)	Will be displayed in main Reception area and on website as soon as possible after 4pm.

Date	Event	Extra Information
Thursday 3 April	Publish Statement of Persons Nominated	Will be displayed in main Reception area and on website no later than 4pm.
Sunday 6 April	Poll cards to be delivered by end of day	
Wednesday 9 April	1 <sup>st</sup> Tranche of postal packs posted 1 <sup>st</sup> class today.	This is for existing postal voters and those electors who submitted a valid application no later than 9 March.
Friday 11 April	<b>DEADLINE</b> for receipt of registrations (Midnight)	
Monday 14 April	<b>DEADLINE</b> for receipt of new postal vote applications (5pm)	Postal votes received between 10 March and the deadline will not be dispatched until Wednesday 16 April at the earliest.
	<b>DEADLINE</b> to amend or cancel an existing proxy or postal vote (5pm)	
	<b>DEADLINE</b> to apply for a postal proxy (5pm)	
Wednesday 16 April	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tranche of postal packs posted 1 <sup>st</sup> class today.	
Wednesday 23 April	<b>DEADLINE</b> to publish Notice of Poll (one per electoral area)	Will be displayed in main Reception area and on website.
	<b>DEADLINE</b> to apply for a proxy (5pm)	
	<b>DEADLINE</b> to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate (VAC) (5pm)	
Thursday 24 April	<b>DEADLINE</b> for Appointments of Polling and Counting Agents.	
Friday 25 April	First day to reissue lost/spoilt postal vote packs.	
Monday 28 April	Verification & Count tickets can be collected from today.	Tickets and information packs will be ready for collection from 9:00am from the Post Room at Marmion House.
Thursday 1 May	Polling Day (7am to 10pm)	



Date	Event	Extra Information
	<p><b>DEADLINE</b> for receipt of Emergency Proxy Vote Applications (5pm)</p>	<p>The emergency <b>MUST</b> have occurred after 5pm on Wednesday 23 April.</p> <p>If after 5pm on Wednesday 23 April, the elector is unable to vote in person because they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a medical emergency that occurred after 5pm on Wednesday 23 April, or</li> <li>• Learnt that they cannot go to the polling station because of work reasons that occurred after 5pm on Wednesday 23 April</li> <li>• Voter ID due to being lost, stolen or damaged; sent away to prove ID elsewhere; ID applied for but not received.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>DEADLINE</b> to reissue lost/spoilt Postal Vote Packs (5pm)</p>	
	<p><b>DEADLINE</b> to issue a Temporary Voter Authority Certificate for VACs that have been determined &amp; issued after the deadline on Wednesday 23 April (5pm)</p>	<p>Temporary Voter Authority Certificates can only be issued in very specific circumstances. Please put any queries through to the Electoral Services Team.</p>
	<p>The verification and counting of ballot papers</p>	<p>The verification and counting of ballot papers will take place immediately after the close of poll at:</p> <p>The Sports Hall The Rawlett School (An AET Academy) Comberford Road Tamworth B79 9AA.</p> <p>Admittance will be via ticket only.</p>

Date	Event	Extra Information
<p>Friday 6 June +35 days from Declaration</p>	<p><b>DEADLINE</b> to submit candidates' expenses</p>	<p>Please see the <a href="#">Electoral Commission</a> website for further guidance.</p> <p>Election expenses should be sent directly to Staffordshire County Council using the details below:</p> <p>Simon Humble Governance &amp; Support Manager Member &amp; Democratic Services Staffordshire County Council 2 Staffordshire Place Tipping Street Stafford ST16 2DH</p>

## Notification of secrecy requirements – postal voting

### Section 66 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended)

3A) No person may—

(a) except for some purpose authorised by law, obtain or attempt to obtain information, or communicate at any time to any other person any information, as to the number or other unique identifying mark on the back of a ballot paper sent to a person for voting by post at a relevant election;

(b) except for some purpose authorised by law, obtain or attempt to obtain information, or communicate at any time to any other person any information, as to the official mark on a ballot paper sent to a person for voting by post at a relevant election;

(c) obtain or attempt to obtain information, in the circumstances mentioned in subsection (3B), as to the candidate for whom a person voting by post at a relevant election ("V") is about to vote or has voted;

(d) communicate at any time to any other person information obtained in contravention of paragraph (c).

(3B) The circumstances referred to in subsection (3A)(c) are where V is about to mark, is in the process of marking, or has just marked, a ballot paper sent to V for voting by post at the election.

(3C) But—

(a) a person ("E") who is voting by proxy does not contravene subsection (3A) by obtaining or attempting to obtain from the person appointed as E's proxy information as to a matter mentioned in paragraph (a) or (c) of that subsection that relates to E's vote, and

(b) a person who is appointed as proxy for an elector does not contravene subsection (3A) by communicating to that elector information as to a matter mentioned in paragraph (a) or (c) of that subsection that relates to that elector's vote.

(3D) Subsection (3A)(c) and (d) does not apply where the purpose (or main purpose) for which the information is sought or communicated is its use for the purposes of—

(a) a published statement relating to the way in which voters intend to vote or have voted at the relevant election, or

(b) a published forecast as to the result of that election which is based on information given by voters.

3E) In subsection (3D) —

(a) “forecast” includes estimate;

(b) “published” means made available to the public at large or to any section of the public, in whatever form and by whatever means;

(c) the reference to the result of the relevant election is a reference to the result of the election either as a whole or so far as any particular candidate or candidates at the election is or are concerned.

(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 purpose authorised by law, communicate, before the poll is closed, to any person any information obtained at those 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 those 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 in any particular ballot paper or communicate any information with respect thereto obtain at those proceedings.

[ ... ]

(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.

## Notification of secrecy requirements – the poll

### Section 66 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (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 of 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.

[...]

(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 candidate for whom 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.

[...]

(3F) A person voting as proxy for an elector at a relevant election—

(a) must not communicate at any time to any person other than that elector any information as to the candidate for whom the person is about to vote, or has voted, as proxy for that elector;

(b) except for some purpose authorised by law, must not communicate at any time to any person other than that elector the number or other unique identifying mark on the back of a ballot paper sent or delivered to the person for voting as proxy for that elector.

[...]

(4A) No person having undertaken to assist a relevant voter to vote at a relevant election may communicate at any time to any person except that voter any information as to—

(a) the candidate for whom the voter intends to vote or has voted, or

(b) the number or other unique identifying mark on the back of the ballot paper given for the use of the voter.

(4B) In subsection (4A) “relevant voter” means a voter who is blind, has another disability, or is unable to read.

(5) No person having undertaken to assist a blind voter to vote [at an election in Scotland or Wales under the local government Act] 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.

## Notification of secrecy requirements – the count

### Section 66 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended)

[ ... ]

(2) Every person attending at the counting of the votes shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of voting and shall not –

(a) ascertain or attempt to ascertain at the counting of the votes the number or other unique identifying mark on the back of any ballot paper;

(b) communicate any information obtained at the counting of the votes as to the candidate for whom any vote is given on any particular ballot paper.

[ ... ]

(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.





# Supporting the security of elections

## Operation Ford and Force Elected-Official Advisors

### The sharing of candidates' contact information with Staffordshire Police

The UK Government has announced the launch of 'Operation Ford' to strengthen protective security measures for locally elected representatives. Each Police Force now has at least one Force Elected-Official Advisor (FEOA).

The FEOA will act as dedicated named police contact for raising concerns and providing personal security briefings, regarding issues involving any elected officials including MPs and candidates in a UK Parliamentary General or by-election (Operation Bridger) or Police and Crime Commissioners, Mayors, local councillors, and candidates for those roles (Operation Ford).

An Operation Ford incident is any act committed against a serving elected official including local councillors, Mayor, Police & Crime Commissioner or a candidate for these elections (but excluding MPs and UK parliamentary candidates) where it is reasonable to believe that the act has been committed with the intention of intimidating or harassing the elected official or candidate in connection with their official position or potential future position.

FEOA should not be contacted for non-crime related matters or for the reporting of incidents or crimes, these must be triaged and prioritised appropriately by local Police Control Rooms by contacting 999 in an emergency, 101 or online via [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk).

To help support the safety and security of everyone who wants to participate in elections, it is important that the police can proactively contact candidates to provide them with information and advice. RO's can help facilitate this by working with their FEOA and providing candidate contact details (email address and/or telephone numbers) to them as soon as possible after the close of nominations.

The sharing of candidate data with the police is a legitimate use of the data that is held by the (Deputy) Returning Officer as part of their statutory duties. The lawful basis on by which this information can be shared is [article 6\(1\)\(e\) General Data Protection Regulations \(GDPR\)](#). It has been deemed necessary and proportionate to share this data with Staffordshire Police to fulfil the RO's statutory functions to safely and properly conducting an election.

Due to this we intend to share the following contact information we hold about you with Staffordshire Police as soon as possible after the close of nominations:

- Your email address
- Your Phone number

If you **DO NOT** wish for your information to be sent to the FEOA at Staffordshire Police, please complete the opt out section below and return to [candidates&agents@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:candidates&agents@tamworth.gov.uk), no later than **4pm on Wednesday 2 April 2025**.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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