

Local Council Elections 2023 - Nomination FAQs

How do I become a candidate at this election?

You become a candidate by delivering a nomination paper, consent to nomination and home address form to the relevant Council office between 10.00am to 4.00pm on 12 April, 13 April 14 April, 17 April, 18 April, 19 April, 20 April, 21 April, and from 10.00am to 1.00pm on 24 April.

For full details of how to stand as a candidate you should read the Guide for Candidates and Agents on the EONI website or Council website.

Where can I submit nomination forms?

Council office addresses are included in the Guide for Candidates and Agents.

Who do I contact if I have a query about nominations?

If you have a query about nominations you should contact the relevant Council office.

How do I obtain nomination forms?

Nomination forms are available to download from the EONI website www.eoni.org.uk and Council websites. They may also be obtained by calling into a Council office.

How do I complete the nomination forms?

Please see Section 4 of the Guide for Candidates and agents for guidance on how to complete the nomination forms. Please note that the candidate and agent addresses must be recorded as they appear on the register published on 3 April 2023. If you are unsure of the format of your address on the register please contact us or check your copy of the register if you are standing in the district electoral area in which you live.

If you have any queries about how to complete the nomination forms you should contact the relevant Council office.

Which register do I use for completing the electoral numbers of the subscribers on the nomination paper?

You must use the register published on 3 April 2023 to complete the subscriber details on your nomination paper.

How do I obtain a copy of the electoral register to complete the nomination paper?

When you officially become a candidate (see section 4.1 of the Guide for Candidates and Agents) you are entitled, on request, to a copy of the electoral register and

absent voter list for your district electoral area. Form 4 (Electoral Register/AV List Request) should be used to request these documents.

Electoral register and absent voter data may only be used for electoral purposes or for checking the validity of donations. If you or any of your campaign workers use them for any other purpose you will be breaking the law. If convicted you could be fined up to £5,000. In the event that you do not complete the nomination process, or should you withdraw your nomination, you will be required to return the register/absent voter list.

Unless you specifically request a paper copy, the documents will be supplied to you in data format (CSV, Word and PDF formats). CSV files can be opened using a number of applications including Microsoft Excel, Access and Notepad, and may be used to create mailing labels or merged letters. The PDF and Word versions will print in the same format as a paper copy.

Candidates are entitled to the register in either data or paper format, they cannot obtain the register in both formats.

Can I submit draft papers for checking before the formal submission of my papers?

Yes we strongly recommend that you submit draft papers to the relevant Council office for checking before you formally submit your nomination forms. Anyone can submit draft papers on your behalf.

Who can make the formal submission of my nomination forms?

The formal submission of your nomination forms may only be made by the candidate, proposer or seconder or by the election agent if the agent has been appointed beforehand.

Do I have to make an appointment for the formal submission of my nomination forms?

You do not have to make an appointment but if you do not you may have to wait until staff are available.

How do I make an appointment for the formal submission of my nomination forms?

Contact the relevant Council office to make an appointment (contact details can be found in the Guide for Candidates and Agents).

How much is the deposit for this election?

There is no deposit required to stand as a candidate at Local Council elections.