

May 2026 Elections EXTERNAL TIMETABLE

Activity	Relevant Election	Date
Publication of notice of election	ALL	Monday 30 March 2026
First poll card despatch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes anyone who was registered to vote as at 18/03/2026 	WSCC ELECTIONS ONLY	Monday 30 March 2026
Candidate nominations open	ALL	Tuesday 31 March 2026
First poll card despatch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes anyone who was registered to vote as at 18/03/2026 	MSDC HURSTPIERPOINT WARD BY-ELECTION	Thursday 2 April 2026
Candidate nominations deadline	ALL	4:00 pm, Thursday 9 April 2026
Deadline for withdrawals of candidates	ALL	4:00 pm, Thursday 9 April 2026
Deadline for appointment of election agents	ALL	4:00 pm, Thursday 9 April 2026
Publication of notice of election agents	ALL	4:00 pm, Thursday 9 April 2026
Notice of alteration 1	ALL	Thursday 9 April 2026
Publication of statements of persons nominated	ALL	4:00 pm, Thursday 9 April 2026
First postal vote despatch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes anyone registered as a postal or postal proxy voter as at 01/04/2026 	WSCC ELECTIONS ONLY	Thursday 16 April 2026
Registration deadline	ALL	11:59pm, Monday 20 April 2026
Deadline for receiving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New postal vote applications New postal proxy applications 	ALL	5:00pm Tuesday 21 April 2026
Deadline for changes to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing postal vote arrangements Existing postal proxy arrangements Existing proxy arrangements 	ALL	5:00pm Tuesday 21 April 2026
Notice of alteration 2	ALL	Tuesday 21 April 2026

First postal vote despatch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes anyone registered as a postal or postal proxy voter as at 26/03/2026 	MSDC HURSTPIERPOINT WARD BY-ELECTION	Wednesday 22 April 2026
Late postal vote despatch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes anyone who was registered as a postal or proxy voter after the 01/04/2026 and before the deadline 	WSCC ELECTIONS ONLY	Monday 27 April 2026
Late postal vote despatch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes anyone who was registered as a postal or proxy voter after the 26/03/2026 and before the deadline 	MSDC HURSTPIERPOINT WARD BY-ELECTION	Monday 27 April 2026
Publication of notice of poll and situation of polling stations	ALL	Tuesday 28 April 2026
Deadline for voter authority certificates applications	ALL	5:00pm, Tuesday 28 April 2026
Deadline for new proxy vote applications	ALL	5:00pm, Tuesday 28 April 2026
Late poll card despatch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes anyone who registered after the 18/03/2026 and before the deadline 	ALL	Wednesday 29 April 2026
Final notice of alteration	ALL	Wednesday 29 April 2026
Notification deadline for the appointment of polling and count agents	ALL	Wednesday 29 April 2026
First day to issue a replacement for lost or spoilt postal votes	ALL	Thursday 30 April 2026
Polling day	ALL	7am to 10pm on Thursday 7 May 2026
Last time to issue replacement for lost or spoilt postal votes	ALL	5:00 pm, Thursday 7 May 2026
Deadline for emergency proxy vote applications	ALL	5:00 pm, Thursday 7 May 2026
Verification and count	ALL	Friday 8 May 2026
Deadline for candidate spending returns	ALL	Friday 12 June 2026

Notices & Publications Timetable

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	Notice of alteration 1	Thursday 9 April 2026
	Publication of statements of persons nominated	4:00pm, Friday 10 April 2026
	Notice of alteration 2	Tuesday 21 April 2026
	Publication of notice of poll and situation of polling stations	Tuesday 28 April 2026
	Final notice of alteration	Wednesday 29 April 2026

Candidate & Agent Deadlines

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Voter-Related Deadlines

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