

# Buckinghamshire Elections 2021 Information

**Elections are still planned to go ahead on Thursday 6 May 2021, there has been no further update from Government**

**The following elections are due to take place:**

- Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)
- Buckinghamshire Council (all 147 seats)
- Town and Parish Councils ( all 1200+ seats)
- Neighbourhood Planning Referendums (x2)

## **Key Dates for Electoral Process**

<b>Monday 22 March</b>	Publication of Notice of Election (local elections)
Monday 29 March	Publication of Notice of Election for PCC
<b>Thursday 8 April, 4pm</b>	Deadline for receipt of nomination papers (including withdrawals) and notification of appointment of election agent
<b>Friday 9 April, 4pm</b>	Names of candidates standing for election published
<b>Monday 19 April</b>	Deadline for registering to vote
Tuesday 20 April, 5pm	Postal Vote application deadline (including postal proxy)
Tuesday 27 April, 5pm	Proxy vote application deadline
<b>Tuesday 27 April</b>	Notice of Poll
<b>Thursday 6 May</b>	Polling Day 7am – 10pm
<b>Thursday 6 May</b>	Verification, 10.15pm *
<b>Friday 7 May</b>	Principal Election Count, 10am *
<b>Friday 7 May/ Saturday 8 May (10am)</b>	<b>Town &amp; Parish Council Counts.</b> Will take place at the conclusion of the principal election count. *
Thursday 3 June	Delivery of return as to election expenses

**\*NB Provisional Date & Time**

## Local Election Nominations

- Nomination forms available from the Electoral Commission website (copy from Electoral Commission attached)
- Hard Copies of Nomination Forms will be sent to Clerks in late February
- Pre-election guidance on “purdah” will be provided to clerks (“purdah” starts on Monday 22 March to completion of polling day)
- Nomination forms must be **hand delivered (not emailed or posted)** to the relevant Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) area office on working days between 10am -4pm from **Monday 22 March to Thursday 8 April (4pm)**
- Nomination forms can be delivered by clerks (not good practice), collectively or individually or by candidate
- **Original signed** forms must be submitted
- Recommend early delivery of forms. The drop in system may involve a wait to be seen.

## DRO Areas

**Aylesbury Vale Election Areas**, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF

**Chiltern & South Bucks election Areas**, King George V House, King George V Road, Amersham, HP6 5AW

**Wycombe Election Areas**, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BB

## Election Costs

- Town and Parish councils will be invoiced the proportional costs relating to their council election once the polls are completed
- Estimated costs are available on request by emailing [elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- Costs will vary depending on whether a council has a contested or uncontested election (this is where fewer nominations are received than the number of seats available)

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## Guidance

- Electoral Commission: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>
- Local election timetable and guidance:  
<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-england>
- Town/Parish clerks and candidates can contact the electoral registration team

## Electoral Register Requests

- Town/parish clerks may request a free copy of the electoral register for their Town/Parish area by completing the relevant form and by posting/emailing it to the relevant elections team.
- Town/Parish Councillors may also request a free copy of the electoral register for the parish area or parish ward, if warded, they are elected to.
- Candidates, if not already councillors, may use [this form](#) to request a register.
- The register should be used by candidates to ensure that their nomination is properly subscribed (signed by a proposer and seconder) by two electors on the local government electoral register in the parish or, if the parish is warded, in the parish ward.
- Completed register request forms may be sent to [elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)