

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Kent County Council

Hythe West Division

1. An election is to be held of **ONE** County Councillor for the Hythe West Division.
2. Forms of nomination for this election may be obtained from the Deputy Returning Officer at Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY who will, at the request of an elector for any electoral area prepare a nomination paper for signature.
3. Completed nomination papers must be delivered to the Customer Access Point, Main Reception, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY, on any weekday after the date of this notice between 10am and 4pm (excluding bank holidays) but no later than 4pm on Friday, 3 February 2023.
4. If the election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday, 2 March 2023.
5. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by midnight on Tuesday, 14 February 2023. Applications can be made at www.gov.uk/register tovot e.
6. Applications to vote by post must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY by 5pm on Wednesday, 15 February 2023 if they are to be in effect for this election. This includes electors or their proxies who wish to make alterations to their existing arrangements on a permanent basis or who wish to make a separate application for their ballot paper to be sent to a different address for this particular election.
7. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY by 5pm on Wednesday, 22 February 2023.
8. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on grounds of unforeseen physical incapacity or for unforeseen work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY by 5pm on Thursday, 2 March 2023. The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5pm on Wednesday, 22 February 2023. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5pm on Wednesday, 22 February 2023.
9. For further information on any matter covered by this notice please telephone the Electoral Services Helpline on 01303 853497.

Dated **26 January 2023**

S. Priest
Deputy Returning Officer