



NOTICE OF ELECTION

ELECTION OF ONE COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTORAL DIVISIONS: - **Beaminster, Chickerell and Chesil Bank, Linden Lea, Marshwood Vale, Sherborne Rural, Sherborne Town, and Three Valleys**

ELECTION OF TWO COUNTY COUNCILLORS FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTORAL DIVISIONS: - **Bridport and Dorchester**

1. **Nomination Papers**

Nomination papers may be obtained online at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/elections or from the offices of the Deputy Returning Officer, West Dorset District Council, South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ who will at the request of any elector for the electoral divisions prepare a nomination paper for signature.

2. **Delivery of Nomination Papers**

Nomination papers must be delivered by hand to the Deputy Returning Officer, West Dorset District Council, South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ, on any day after the date of this notice, on Monday to Thursday, 9am to 4:30pm and Friday 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays), but not later than **4pm on Tuesday 4 April 2017**. Candidates and Agents requiring formal receipt of their nominations need to make an appointment - contact elections@dorset.gov.uk or telephone 01305 838299 to arrange.

3. **Poll**

If the election is contested, the poll will take place on **Thursday 4 May 2017**.

4. **Registering to Vote**

Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer below by 12 midnight on **Thursday 13 April 2017**. Applications can be made online: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

5. **Absent Voting**

Electors and their proxies should take note that applications to vote by post must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm on Tuesday 18 April 2017** if they are to be effective 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 separate application for their ballot paper to be sent to a different address for this particular election. Available online at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/postal

Applications to appoint a proxy must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by no later than **5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2017**, except in cases where unforeseen illness or incapacity occurs after that time in which case applications may be made up until **5pm on Thursday 4 May 2017**. Available online at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/proxy

All applications and notices regarding absent voting must be sent to the Electoral Registration Officer, West Dorset District Council, South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ or by email to elections@dorset.gov.uk

6. Please visit www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/elections for more details.



County Returning Officer

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