

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

Date of poll: Thursday 23rd May 2019

NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE

for the Southampton City Council local counting area

Important information is provided below including the dates and times of key election events.

Opening of Postal Votes

The opening and checking of postal ballot papers will commence on **Tuesday 14th May 2019** at 9.30am in Committee Rooms 1 & 2 at the Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY.

Further sessions, also commencing at 9.30am, will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 15th May

Friday 17th May

Monday 20th May

Tuesday 21st May

Wednesday 22nd May

Thursday 23rd May

A final opening session for those postal votes handed in at polling stations will commence at 9.30am on Friday 24th May.

Each registered party or individual candidate may appoint ONE postal voting agent to attend each of these opening sessions. Notice in writing of any appointment for a particular opening session must be made to the Local Returning Officer before the start of the session. Please be aware that in order to comply with health & safety requirements, it may be necessary to restrict the number of agents in attendance at any one time.

Verification and Count

The verification and counting of the ballot papers will commence on Sunday **26th May 2019** at 12.00pm * in The O2 Guildhall, West Marlands Road, Southampton SO14 7LP. Access to the venue will be available to candidates and agents from 11.30am *, via the main entrance to the Civic Centre.

Each registered party or individual candidate may appoint NINE counting agents to attend the verification and count. Notice in writing of all appointments must be made to the Local Returning Officer by 16th May 2019 at the latest.

(* these timings may be subject to change)

Mark Heath
Local Returning Officer