

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Date of poll: Thursday 2 May 2024

NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE

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

Opening of Postal Votes

The opening and checking of the postal ballot papers for the City Council elections will commence on **Friday 19 April 2024** at 10.00am in Conference Rooms 3 and 4 at the Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY.

Further sessions, also commencing at 10.00am, will take place on the following dates:

Monday 22 April

Tuesday 23 April

Wednesday 24 April

Thursday 25 April

Friday 26 April

Monday 29 April

Tuesday 30 April

Wednesday 1 May

Thursday 2 May

A final opening session for those postal votes handed in at polling stations will commence at 8.00pm on polling day.

Each candidate may appoint ONE postal voting agent to attend any of these opening sessions. Notice in writing of any appointment for a specific opening session must be made to the Returning Officer before the start of the session.

Please be aware that in view of the number of potential attendees, to comply with health and safety requirements it may be necessary to limit the number of candidates and/or agents in attendance at any one time.

Verification and Count

The process of verifying the ballot papers for the City Council elections (together with the papers for the Police & Crime Commissioner election) will commence on **Thursday 2 May 2024** at 10.00pm at The O2 Guildhall, West Marlands Road, Southampton SO14 7LP.

The counting of the votes for the City Council elections will take place once the verification has been completed.

Access to the venue will be available to candidates and agents from 9.30pm, via the main entrance to the Civic Centre.

Each candidate may appoint ONE counting agent to attend the verification and count. Notice in writing of all appointments must be made to the Returning Officer by 25 April 2024 at the latest.

Mark Heath
Returning Officer