

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTION FOR THE HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT POLICE AREA

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 – Southampton Voting Area

The opening and checking of the postal ballot papers for the Police & Crime Commissioner election 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 Local 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.

Arrangements for other voting areas

For details of the arrangements in place for the opening of checking of postal ballot papers for other voting areas in the Hampshire police area, candidates/agents should contact the relevant Local Returning Officer(s) directly.

Verification and Count – Southampton Voting Area

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

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

Mark Heath
Returning Officer

Each candidate may appoint EIGHT counting agents to attend the verification. Notice in writing of all appointments must be made to the Local Returning Officer by 25 April 2024 at the latest.

The counting of the votes for the Police & Crime Commissioner election in the Southampton voting area will commence on **Friday 3 May 2024** at 10.00am in The O2 Guildhall, West Marlands Road, Southampton SO14 7LP.

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

Each candidate may appoint up to FIFTEEN counting agents to attend the counting of the votes. Notice in writing of all appointments must be made to the Local Returning Officer by 25 April 2024 at the latest.

Arrangements for other voting areas

For details of the arrangements in place for the verification and counting of the votes for other voting areas in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight police area, candidates/agents should contact the relevant Local Returning Officer(s) directly.

Collation of the Results/Declaration for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police Area

The collation of the results from the 14 voting areas in the Hampshire police area will take place on Friday 3 **May 2024** in Committee Rooms 1 and 2 at the Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY.

The Police Area Returning Officer (PARO) results collation 'hub' will be open from 9.30am. Access to the venue will be available via the main entrance to the Civic Centre.

Only candidates and their appointed election agents are entitled to attend the results collation 'hub'.