

# SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Date of poll: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## 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 postal ballot papers will commence on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022** at 10.00am in Room OGS3 at One Guildhall Square, Southampton, SO14 7FP.

Further sessions, also commencing at 10.00am, will take place on a daily basis from **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022** until **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022** (*with the exception of bank holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May*).

A final opening session for those postal votes handed in at polling stations will commence at 8.00pm on polling day (**5<sup>th</sup> May 2022**).

You 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 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 **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022** at 10.00pm. On this occasion two venues will be used:

- The O2 Guildhall, West Marlands Road, Southampton, SO14 7LP – Bargate, Bassett, Bevois, Bitterne, Bitterne Park, Coxford, Freemantle, Harefield, Millbrook, Peartree, Portswood, Redbridge, Sholing and Woolston wards;
- Conference Rooms 3 and 4, Civic Centre, SO14 7LY – Shirley and Swaythling wards.

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

Candidates 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 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the latest.

Mark Heath  
Returning Officer