

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Election of Essex County Councillors

One County Councillor is to be elected for each of the Divisions listed below

Divisions		
Colchester Abbey	Colchester North	Mersea & Tiptree
Colchester Lexden	Colchester St Johns	Stanway & Marks Tey
Colchester Maypole	Constable	Wivenhoe St Andrew

1. An election is to be held for Councillors to Essex County Council.
2. Forms of nomination may be obtained from the office of the Deputy Returning Officer, Colchester Town Hall, High Street, Colchester, CO1 1PJ, during the times stated below.
3. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Deputy Returning Officer at Colchester Town Hall, High Street, Colchester, CO1 1PJ on any working day after the date of this notice, on Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (excluding bank holidays) but no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday 9 April 2026.
4. If the election is contested the poll will take place between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Thursday 7 May 2026.
5. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Monday 20 April. Applications can be made online www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.
6. Electors voting at a polling station must show a prescribed form of photographic identification. A full list of the prescribed forms of photographic identification is available on the Colchester City Council website. For those who require a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector Document to meet the requirement for photographic identification, applications must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5 pm on Tuesday 28 April. Applications can be made online www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate.
7. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes and amendments or cancellations of proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5 pm on Tuesday 21 April. Further information about voting by post is available online www.colchester.gov.uk/elections/postalvote/.
8. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration by 5 p.m. on Tuesday 28 April. You can find information and dependent upon your proxy type apply online at www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote.
9. If after 5 p.m. on Tuesday 28 April, you find out you are unable to attend the polling station, or if the photo ID you intended to use is lost you can apply for an emergency proxy. Your application must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5 p.m. on Thursday 7 May. Contact us for assistance.
10. The address of the Electoral Registration Officer for electors and residents of Colchester City Council is
 - In Person – Colchester Town Hall, High Street, Colchester CO1 1PJ
 - By Post – Rowan House, 33 Sheepen Road, Colchester, CO3 3WG
 - By Email – elections@colchester.gov.uk
 - By Phone – 01206 282820

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Pam Donnelly
Deputy Returning Officer

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