



TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 13/13

18 FEBRUARY 2013

The purpose of this report is to ensure Members and the public are aware of the timetable for elections to the Town Council on 2 May 2013 and how to access Nomination packs.

No. DETAIL

1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Elections will be held on 2 May 2013 in all 5 of the town's wards for Town Council election purposes, a total of 11 Town Councillors.
- b) The wards, the size of the electorates and the number of Councillors in each are shown in the following table:

WARD	ELECTORATE	COUNCILLORS
Bonchurch	426	1
Lowtherville	918	2
St Lawrence	632	2
Ventnor East	2,052	3
Ventnor West	1,017	3
TOTAL	5,045	11

2) TIMETABLE

- a) Completed Nomination forms have to be received at County Hall by noon on Friday 5 April 2013.
- b) The full list of nominated candidates will be published at noon on Tuesday 9 April with those nominated then having 24 hours in which to withdraw their candidacy, ie until noon on Wednesday 10 April.
- c) Applications for postal votes must be received at County Hall by 6pm on Wednesday 17 April.
- d) The election itself will take place on Thursday 2 May with the count taking place the following day.
- e) The Declaration of Candidates expenses has to be completed by Thursday 6 June.

3) NOMINATION PACKS

- a) All the paperwork required for nominations to be completed is available from the Town Council's web site and printed copies can be collected from the Town Council's office in the Coastal Centre.
- b) The 20-page pack includes: a Nomination Paper, Consent to Nomination, Political Party Certificate of Authority and Emblem Request form, Election Timetable, Section 80 Local Government Act 1972, Declaration of Secrecy, Candidate Guide, Notice of Withdrawal, Notice of Appointment of Polling Agents, Notice of Appointment of Counting Agents, Notice of Appointment of Agents to attend the Opening of Postal Voters' Ballot Box and Model Code of Conduct.