



2019 Combined Local Elections

Briefing Note - Issue Number 2

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Plans for the 2nd May 2019 combined local elections are well underway. This briefing note outlines key information that may be useful to Clerks, Councillors, perspective Councillors and Agents.

BE A COUNCILLOR South Staffordshire District Council

'Be a Councillor' Event

We are holding two sessions for anyone who is interested in local government and wants to discover what its like to be a Councillor on the 8th January 2019.

The event will feature two 'Be a Councillor' sessions at the Council Offices in Codsall. The first session will run from 1pm to 4pm and the second from 5pm to 8pm.

The sessions will feature serving District Councillors and a team from the Local Government Association, who work to support Councillor Development across the country.

We would appreciate it, if you can promote this event in your Parish and share a copy of the poster on the link below on your noticeboards, website and social media.

<https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/council-democracy/be-a-councillor.cfm>

To reserve your place at either of the sessions, please contact the Elections Team.

Email: elections@sstaffs.gov.uk

Call: 01902 696231

Timetable of key dates

Publication of notice of Election/beginning of the nomination period

18 March 2019

DEADLINE: Close of Nominations and appointment of Election Agents

4pm on 3 April 2019

PUBLICATION: Notice of Statements of Persons Nominated

4pm on 4 April 2019

DEADLINE: New voter registrations

12 April 2019

DEADLINE: Application for a Postal Vote

5pm on 15 April 2019

DEADLINE: Application for a Proxy Vote

5pm on 24 April 2019

DEADLINE: Appointment of Counting/Polling Agents

25 April 2019

Polling day

2 May 2019



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Candidate Briefing sessions

We have planned two briefing sessions ahead of next year's elections.

27th February 2019, 17:00 – 18:30 – information session that will give prospective candidates and agents a chance to learn more about the nomination process and key dates.

10th April 2019, 17:00 – 18:30 - this event will give candidates and agents an opportunity to learn more about the verification and count procedures, information from the Police and postal voting arrangements.

Both sessions will be held in our Council Chamber, South Staffordshire Council, Codsall, WV8 1PX.

To register your interest in attending please email elections@sstaffs.gov.uk

Publication of the 2018/2019 Electoral Register

We have now published the 2018/2019 register, please see the link below to view the current elector totals for each Polling District.

<https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/elections/electorate-by-polling-district-ward-dec-2018.cfm>

2018 Polling Place Review

As part of the review, the Returning Officer must comment on the proposed and existing polling places. This has been published and can be accessed [here](#). The deadline for receiving comments on this is the 21st December 2018.

A report will then be sent to the Standards and Resources Committee on the 24th January 2019 in which the consultation responses will be discussed and the final conclusions of the review.

The final conclusions of the review will be published by the 28th February 2019.

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