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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Gloucestershire County Council Elections - Thursday 1 May 2025

Process		Date
PUBLISH - Notice of Election (not later 25 March than)		Tuesday 25 March
Nominations begins	10am – 4pm	Tuesday 25 March
Poll cards (Main despatched) to Royal Mail		Tuesday 25 March
DEADLINE - Nomination ends	4pm	Wednesday 2 April
DEADLINE for withdrawals of nomination papers	4pm	Wednesday 2 April
DEADLINE for the notification of appointment of election agent	4pm	Wednesday 2 April
PUBLISH - Statement of Persons Nominated	After 4pm	Wednesday 2 April
PUBLISH – Notice of Election Agents	After 4pm	Wednesday 2 April
Poll cards (2nd) despatched to Royal Mail		Monday 7 April
DEADLINE – For registering to vote		Friday 11 April
1st Postal votes despatched to Royal Mail	Morning	Monday 14 April
DEADLINE- for Postal Vote Applications	5pm	Monday 14 April
Final Poll card despatched		Wednesday 16 April
Final Postal votes despatched to Royal Mail		Thursday 17 April
Bank Holiday	Friday 18 April	
Bank Holiday	Monday 21 April	
Postal vote Opening 1 (Big Test) only to open approx 125 packs per division	4pm	Thursday 24 April
DEADLINE - for Voter Authority Certificates (VAC) applications	5pm	Wednesday 23 April
DEADLINE - for Proxy Vote Applications (not emergency ones)	5pm	Wednesday 23 April
PUBLISH - Notice of poll and situation of polling stations		Wednesday 23 April
DEADLINE – to Appointment of Poll and Count Agents		Thursday 24 April

Postal vote opening 2 (Council Chamber)	9am	Saturday 26 April
Postal vote opening 3	5pm	Tuesday 29 April
Day of Poll	7am -10pm	Thursday 1 May
DEADLINE - Emergency Proxy Vote Applications	5pm	Thursday 1 May
Postal vote final opening	5pm onwards	Thursday 1 May
Ballot Box drop off (Coleford Council Offices)	10pm	Thursday 1 May
Verification & Count	Start 9.15am	Friday 2 May
Delivery of Election Expenses		Friday 6 June