

Frequently Asked Questions:

Lincolnshire County
Council, City of Lincoln
Council and Lincolnshire
Police and Crime
Commissioner Elections on
6 May 2021

Electoral Registration

Issue/question	Answer
Am I registered to vote?	<p>The Council's Customer Services Team can check for you on (01522) 873255.</p> <p>Alternatively please email electoral@lincoln.gov.uk</p>
How do I register to vote?	<p>You can apply to register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote</p> <p>The deadline for registration applications is midnight, 19 April 2021.</p>
Am I eligible to register to vote?	<p>You can only vote if you are registered. You can register and vote at this election if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- you are 18 or over by the day of the election- you hold British, Irish or qualifying Commonwealth citizenship- you hold EU citizenship (other than the Republic of Ireland, Malta or Cyprus) <p>For further details regarding registration you can visit the Electoral Commission website at:</p> <p>www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter</p>
If I pay Council Tax am I automatically registered?	<p>No. Electoral registration is a separate process performed by your local Electoral Registration Officer. The law does not allow names to be automatically added to the electoral register from Council Tax records.</p>
I'm a student and I'm not sure where I should register to vote.	<p>Students may be entitled to register at both their home address and their college/university (term time) address.</p> <p>Where you are registered in two different local authorities, you can vote in both sets of local elections if the elections are for different councils. This is the same for the Police and Crime Commissioner elections if both sets of elections are in different Police Areas.</p> <p>It is an offence to vote more than once in a national election, such as a UK Parliamentary General Election.</p>

Postal and Proxy Voting

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Who can apply for a postal vote?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone who is registered to vote • You can download postal forms from: www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter or submit a request via the Council's Customer Services Team on (01522) 873255 or electoral@lincoln.gov.uk.
What is the deadline for applying for a postal vote for the forthcoming elections?	Your application to vote by post must be received by 5pm on 20 April 2021 .
What if I have missed the postal vote deadline?	<p>You may be able to apply for a proxy vote up until 5pm on 27 April 2021 if you can't attend the polling station.</p> <p>You can download proxy forms from www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter or submit a request via the Council's Customer Services Team on (01522) 873255 or electoral@lincoln.gov.uk.</p>
Who can apply for a proxy vote?	<p>Anyone who is registered to vote can apply to vote by proxy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your chosen proxy (i.e. the person voting on your behalf) must also be registered to vote in this country
What if I have missed the deadline for proxy vote?	<p>You can apply for an emergency proxy if you have missed the deadline of 27 April 2021. The deadline for emergency proxy applications is 5pm on 6 May 2021.</p> <p>Applications for emergency proxy can be made for: emergency work matters and emergency medical reasons. This form will need to be attested by the appropriate person, outlined in the application.</p> <p>You can download proxy forms from: www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter or submit a request via the Council's Customer Services Team on (01522) 873255 or electoral@lincoln.gov.uk.</p>

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What if I cannot attend the polling station due to Covid-19?	<p>Anyone with Covid-19 recent symptoms can apply for an Emergency Covid-19 Proxy.</p> <p>Please contact the Customer Services Team on (01522) 873255 or electoral@lincoln.gov.uk to request an application form.</p>

How/Where to vote

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Date of elections	6 May 2021 (polling hours: 7am to 10pm).
How do I find out where my polling station is?	<p>Your poll card should tell you the location of your polling station.</p> <p>You can also use the following link and insert your post code, which will confirm where your polling station is:</p> <p>Find your polling station - Online services - Section 1 - City of Lincoln Council</p> <p>Alternatively please contact the Council's Customer Services Team on (01522) 873255 or electoral@lincoln.gov.uk.</p>
What methods of voting are there?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In person at the polling station - By post - By proxy
How do I fill in the ballot paper	<p>Information will be provided by staff at the polling station or, if you opted to vote by post, instructions will be in your ballot pack.</p> <p>There will be three ballot papers – one for the County Council Elections, one of the City Council Elections and one for the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections.</p> <p>There will be instructions on the top of each ballot paper which you should read.</p>

Details of Candidates

Who is standing in the elections?	The Statement of Persons Nominated will be available to view at the Council offices from 4pm on 9 April 2021. It will also be published on the City Council's website: https://www.lincoln.gov.uk/voting-elections
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Covid-19

What if I'm concerned about voting at a polling station	There are alternative methods of voting available, such as postal or proxy voting. Public health guidelines will be followed at all polling stations on the day of the election and measures will be in place such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 metre social distancing at all times;• use of face coverings• use of hand sanitiser throughout the station, including upon entry and exit• regular cleaning regimes to be carried out• electors being encouraged to use their own pens.
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