
NOTICE OF ELECTION

ELECTION OF A WARD COUNCILLOR FOR THE ELECTORAL AREA LISTED BELOW

1. A by election is to be held for the following Ward within Bedford Borough:

RIVERFIELD

2. Forms of nomination paper are available from the Returning Officer, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP, who will at the request of any elector for the said electoral area, prepare for signature a nomination paper.
3. Completed nomination papers **must** be delivered by hand to the Returning Officer, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP, on any normal working day from the date of this notice, but not later than 4.00pm on Friday 5 April 2024 during office hours. The Electoral Services Office is open from 9.00am – 5.00pm (Monday-Thursday) and 9.00am – 4.30pm (Fridays).
4. If an election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 2 May 2024 between the hours of 7am and 10pm.
5. New applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP by 11.59pm on Tuesday 16 April 2024, if they are to be effective for this election. Applications can be made online: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
6. New applications to vote by post and requests to cancel or change an existing postal or proxy vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP by 5.00pm on Wednesday 17 April 2024, if they are to be effective for this election.
7. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Wednesday 24 April 2024.
Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate can be made online:
<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/applying-a-voter-authority-certificate>
8. New applications to vote by proxy except on the grounds of a medical or work emergency must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP, by 5.00pm on Wednesday 24 April 2024 if they are to be effective for this election.
9. Applications to vote by proxy on the grounds of a medical or work emergency must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP by 5.00pm on Thursday 2 May 2024 if they are to be effective for this election.
10. All forms are available via <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections-and-voting>
The Returning Officer/Electoral Registration Officer, by e-mail to elections@bedford.gov.uk or by telephone on (01234) 718078.

Dated: 25 March 2024

Laura Church
Returning Officer