

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Local Authority Mayoral Election For WATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

1. An election is to be held for a Local Authority Mayor for Watford Borough Council.
2. Nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Returning Officer, Watford Borough Council, Town Hall, Watford, WD17 3EX during the times stated below or downloaded from the Electoral Commission website: www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-and-agents-local-authority-mayoral-elections-england
3. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer at Watford Borough Council, Town Hall, Watford, WD17 3EX from **10am** on any working day after the date of this notice (excluding bank holidays) but no later than **4pm** on **Thursday 9 April 2026**.
4. The £500 deposit can be paid by legal tender or by means of a banker's draft from a drawer which carries on business as a banker in the United Kingdom or by the electronic transfer of funds. The bank account details are as follows:
 - Watford Borough Council, General Account
 - Sort Code: 30-99-21
 - Account Number: 04041955When the deposits are paid, please include the '**candidate's surname**' and the wording '**Elecdeposit**' as the reference so that we can identify the payment.
5. If the election is contested the poll will take place on **Thursday 7 May 2026**.
6. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Watford Borough Council, Town Hall, Watford, WD17 3EX by **12 midnight** on **Monday 20 April 2026**. Applications can be made online: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
7. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Watford Borough Council, Town Hall, Watford, WD17 3EX by **5pm** on **Tuesday 21 April 2026**. Applications can be made online: www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote
8. 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 **Tuesday 28 April 2026**. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate can be made online: www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate
9. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Watford Borough Council, Town Hall, Watford, WD17 3EX by **5pm** on **Tuesday 28 April 2026**. Some applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote>
10. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Watford Borough Council, Town Hall, Watford, WD17 3EX by **5pm** on **Thursday 7 May 2026**.

Donna Nolan, Returning Officer
Wednesday 25 March 2025