

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Southend-on-Sea Election of Councillors for the Wards listed below

Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected
Leigh-on-Sea Leigh Road	Two
Leigh-on-Sea St Clements	One

1. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, Southend-on-Sea City Council, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 9SB on any day after the date of this notice, on Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (excluding bank holidays) but no later than 4 pm on Thursday, 9th April 2026.

Nomination papers must not be handed in at reception or left with reception staff.

2. Nomination papers may be obtained from the offices of the Returning Officer, Southend-on-Sea City Council, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 9SB, during the times stated above.

3. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday, 7th May 2026.

4. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Monday 20 April 2026. Applications can be made online:
<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> .

5. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes and amendments or cancellations of proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Southend-on-Sea City Council, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 9SB by 5 pm on Tuesday, 21st April 2026.

6. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5 pm on Tuesday, 28th April 2026. Applications can be made online: **<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>**

7. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Southend-on-Sea City Council, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 9SB by 5 pm on Tuesday, 28th April 2026.

8. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election - applied for on the grounds of a medical emergency (occurring after 5 pm on Tuesday, 28th April 2026), because of work/service reasons (occurring after 5 pm on Tuesday, 28th April 2026) or the form of acceptable photographic identification that you were intending to use to vote has been lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed, or has not yet been received if applied for recently - must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Southend-on-Sea City Council, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 9SB by 5 pm on Thursday, 7th May 2026.

Dated: Friday 27 March 2026

Returning Officer