

Mini *eUpdate* from Northants CALC

To Member Councils in Northamptonshire:

[Please read and circulate to all councillors]

Local Elections 2025

The parish and unitary council elections in Northamptonshire on 1 May 2025 **are going ahead**. It is only in areas of England where Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) is required that elections might get delayed due to the government's plans for devolution. Northamptonshire has already done LGR (in 2021), so it's full steam ahead for the local elections in this county on 1 May 2025, when **every seat on every parish, town, community, and unitary council** in Northamptonshire is up for grabs.

Deadline for Delivery of Nominations

Polling Day – 1 May 2025 – is of course a big day, but it isn't the most important date in the elections. The most important date is **Wednesday 2 April 2025**, which is the deadline for candidates wishing to stand in the election to deliver their nomination papers to the Elections Authority (North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) or West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) depending on which side of the county the parish is in). **That's just 75 days from today!** All your campaigning to promote candidacy and encouraging people to stand for election needs to be focussed on 2 April 2025 as the deadline.

Date of Annual Meetings

The law requires every council to hold an Annual Meeting of the council and for the first item of business on the agenda to be the election of chair/mayor. In a year without elections, the Annual Meeting of the council can be held on any day in May, but in a year of ordinary elections (as 2025 is) it must be held **within 14 days of the day on which councillors come into office**. We have already started receiving enquiries about the earliest and latest possible dates that a council can hold its Annual Meeting in 2025. There will be a fuller explanation in the bi-monthly *eUpdate* due out on 31 January 2025, but essentially **the earliest date is Tuesday 6 May 2025, and the latest date is Thursday 22 May 2025**. If your council's normal meeting schedule falls outside that window, you will need to move the date of your May meeting.

Local Council Vacancies

Warkton Parish Council has a vacancy for a Clerk working just 10 hours per month. The council has instructed Northants CALC to advertise this vacancy despite advice from us that the contracted hours are below the recommended minimum. There are 107 electors and 5 councillors. The precept for 2024/25 is £4,740. The closing date for applications is **28 February 2025**.

Full details of all vacancies are at <https://www.northantscalc.com/council-vacancies>.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Best regards,

Danny.