

POSTAL VOTING

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

The closing date for receipt of applications to vote by post at the Elections on 5 May 2016 is **5.00pm on Tuesday 19 April**.

ISSUE OF POSTAL BALLOT PAPERS

Postal vote packs should be despatched by 1st Class post on **Monday 18 April 2016**.

Both the PCC and borough ballot papers will be included in one postal pack with one postal vote identifier. Electors in Preston and Salfords & Sidlow will receive one ballot paper for the PCC only as there are no borough elections in those areas in May.

OPENING OF POSTAL BALLOT PAPERS

If postal voting packs are despatched on 18 April, the returned postal ballot packs for all elections will be opened on the following dates at the Town Hall, Castlefield Road, Reigate, Surrey as part of an ongoing process commencing at 10.00 am each day:

Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 & Friday 22 April 2016

Monday 25, Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 April & Friday 29 April 2016

Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4 & Thursday 5 May 2016

An additional postal vote opening session will take place on **Thursday 5 May 2016** commencing at **11.15pm** (please note times). For the 11.15pm opening staff will be returning from Donyngs to the Town Hall in order to open the final postal votes returned to the polling stations.

Candidates and their election agents or any person appointed by the candidate to attend in place of the election agent are permitted to attend at the opening of the postal ballot papers.

Postal ballot papers must be received by the (Local) Returning Officer before the close of poll at **10.00 pm** on 5 May 2016.

Electors can return their postal ballot papers (in envelopes) to any polling station within their electoral area or the Town Hall on polling day.

NB: Further details on the process will be given at the next briefing on 12 April.