

Notice of Election

Election of Councillors to Westmorland and Furness Council

Penrith South Ward

1. One Councillor is to be elected.
1. Nomination papers may be obtained from the offices of the Returning Officer at the address below between 10am and 4pm (excluding Bank Holidays), or from the Electoral Commission website.
2. Completed nomination papers, or delivery of notices of withdrawal of candidature, must be delivered by hand to **Voreda House, Portland Place, Penrith CA11 7BF** on any working day from the date of this notice between the hours of 10am and 4pm (excluding Bank Holidays) but not later than 4pm on - Friday, 13th February 2026.
3. If an election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday, 12th March 2026 between the hours of 7am and 10pm.
4. Electors should take note that the following applications must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the address stated below by the deadline if they are to be effective for this election:
 - Applications to register to vote must be received by midnight on **Tuesday, 24th February 2026**. Applications can be made online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.
 - New applications to vote by post or amendments or cancellation of existing postal or proxy arrangements must be received by no later than **5pm on Wednesday, 25th February 2026**. Applications can be made online at www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote.
 - Applications for photo ID, the Voter Authority Certificate, must be received by no later than **5pm on Wednesday, 4th March 2026**. Applications can be made online at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-to-vote.
 - Applications to appoint a proxy must be received by no later than **5pm on Wednesday, 4th March 2026**. Applications can be made online at www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote.
 - Applications to vote by emergency proxy on the grounds of physical incapacity, for work/service reasons or for the absence or loss of Voter ID after the deadline for proxy applications has past, must be received by no later than **5pm on Thursday, 12th March 2026**.