## 2016 Elections

Elections will be held on 5 May 2016 for:

- Police and Crime Commissioner Election – to elect a Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands Constabulary area

- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council Election –Solihull has 51 Councillors who represent the 17 Wards of the Borough.  The Council holds 'elections by thirds' which means that elections are held for 17 seats each year for three successive years out of four

## Key dates

| Date | Activity |
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| 23 March | 6pm – Returning Officer's Briefing for Candidates and Agents |
| 23 March | Notice of Election published for Borough Council and Police and Crime Commissioner elections |
| Week commencing 28 March | Poll card dispatch |
| 7 April | Close of Nominations for both elections (4pm) |
| 7 April | Deadline for Appointment of Election Agent (both elections) |
| 8 April | Publish Statement of Persons Nominated for both elections (4pm) |
| 18 April | Issue first batch of postal votes |
| 18 April | Last date to Register to Vote |
| 19 April | Last date for new Postal Vote applications (5pm) |
| 25 April | Issue second batch of postal votes |
| 26 April | Publish Notice of Poll for both elections |
| 26 April | Last date for new Proxy Vote applications (5pm) |
| 5 May | Polling day for all elections (7am - 10pm) |
| 5 May | Verification of all votes (from 11pm) |
| 5 May | Counting of votes cast in Borough Council elections which will proceed until the results are declared (which will most likely be in the early hours of 6 May) |
| 6 May | Count of First Preference votes cast in Police and Crime Commissioner Election (from 9.30am) |
| 6 May | Count of Second Preference votes cast in Police and Crime Commissioner election (from 2pm) |
| 10 May | 5.30pm – Induction for newly elected Members of Solihull MBC |

The Returning Officer will be holding a briefing on Wednesday 23rd March at 6.00pm in the Civic Suite, Solihull for all those who are interested in standing as a candidate in the local elections on Thursday 5th May 2016. The briefing will also be aimed at those who may be acting as an election agent. The purpose of the briefing is to provide important information you will need to stand for election.

Further information about the candidates for these elections will be published on this page.