

# NOTICE OF ELECTION

## Rochford District Council Election of a County Councillor for the Rayleigh West Division of Essex County Council

1. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, Elections Office, Civic Suite, 2 Hockley Road, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 8EB by appointment between 9.30 am and 4 pm on any working day from the date of publication of this notice (excluding bank holidays) but no later than 4pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026.
2. Nomination papers may be obtained from the offices of the Returning Officer, Civic Suite, 2 Hockley Road, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 8EB, during the times stated above.
3. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026.
4. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
5. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Civic Suite, 2 Hockley Road, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 8EB by 5 p.m. on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>
6. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>.
7. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Civic Suite, 2 Hockley Road, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 8EB by 5 p.m. on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Some applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote>
8. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Civic Suite, 2 Hockley Road, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 8EB by 5 p.m. on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Jonathan Stephenson  
Deputy Returning Officer