

NOTICE OF ELECTION

UK PARLIAMENTARY GENERAL ELECTION

FOR THE PAISLEY AND RENFREWSHIRE NORTH CONSTITUENCY

1. An election is to be held of a Member to serve in Parliament for the said Constituency.
2. **NOMINATION PAPERS** may be delivered by the candidate, his proposer or seconder, or his election agent (provided the agent's name and address have previously been given, in writing to, the Returning Officer or are so given at the time the paper is delivered) to the Returning Officer, Renfrewshire Council Election Office, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1TR between the hours of ten in the morning and four in the afternoon on any day after the date of this notice, (excluding any public holidays, Saturdays and Sundays) but not later than 4.00pm on the Eleventh day of May, 2017.
3. Forms of nomination paper may be obtained at the place and times aforesaid. The Returning Officer will at the request of any elector prepare for signature a nomination paper.
4. A person shall not be validly nominated unless the sum of £500 is deposited by him/her or on his/her behalf with the Returning Officer at the place and during the times for delivery of the nomination papers, such sum to be in legal tender, banker's draft, or by debit/credit card. (Please note a 2% surcharge will be incurred for payment by credit card).
5. If the election is contested, the poll will take place on the Eighth day of June, 2017 between the hours of 7.00am and 10.00pm.
6. Electors and their proxies should take note of the following deadlines by which applications for Registration and absent voting must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Robertson Centre, 16 Glasgow Road, Paisley (Telephone 0300 300 0150):
 - Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Monday 22 May 2017.
 - New postal and postal proxy applications as well as changes (including cancellations) to existing postal, proxy and postal proxy applications – 5.00pm on Tuesday 23 May 2017.
 - New proxy applications – 5.00pm on Wednesday 31 May 2017.
 - Emergency proxy applications on the grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the Robertson Centre, 16 Glasgow Road, Paisley by 5.00pm on 8 June 2017. The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5.00pm on Wednesday 31 May 2017. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5.00pm on Wednesday 31 May 2017.

**Renfrewshire Council
Election Office
Renfrewshire House
Cotton Street
Paisley PA1 1TR**

**Sandra Black
Returning Officer**

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NOTES

1. The attention of candidates and electors is drawn to the rules for filling up nomination papers and other provisions relating to nomination contained in the Parliamentary Elections Rules in Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983 as amended.
2. Every person guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice will, on conviction, be liable to the penalties imposed by the Representation of the People Act 1983 as amended.
3. The issuing of postal ballot papers will **commence** on **22/23 May, 2017**. All issues (except where a postal voter applies in person for a replacement for a spoilt or lost postal ballot paper) will be made by first class mail. A postal ballot paper may be returned either (a) by post or by hand to the Returning Officer or (b) by hand to a polling station in the constituency to which it relates on the day of poll. Any person intending to vote by post, who may be unable to deal timeously with a postal ballot paper under the foregoing arrangements, should consider applying instead for appointment of a proxy.