

Voting by Post

- **Who can apply for a postal vote?**

Anyone who is registered to vote can apply to vote by post.

- **How do I get a postal vote?**

You can download a form from our website, or call 01508 533704. Fill it in and return it to us. To be able to vote by post on the 5 May your application must be received by no later than 5pm on Thursday 14 April. Please note you must also be on the register of electors to be able to apply for a postal vote.

- **For what period does my postal vote last?**

You can apply for just one election, for a specific time period, or for a permanent postal vote (if eligible).

- **Why do I need to give my date of birth and signature to get a postal or proxy vote?**

The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced new measures to improve the security of postal and proxy votes.

All postal and proxy voters are required to give their date of birth and signature when applying for a postal or proxy vote.

Special provision can be made for those who are unable to sign the form. For more information please contact us via our online enquiry form, or by calling 01508 533704.

Your signature and date of birth are separated from your ballot paper before being checked. Giving this information will not affect the secrecy of your vote.

- **How secure is a postal vote?**

It is an offence to complete a postal vote that is not your own, and to influence how others complete their postal vote. If you have any allegations of fraud, they should be referred to the police.

Why haven't I received my postal ballot paper?

You should receive your postal ballot about one week before the election. If it doesn't arrive, you can get a replacement ballot paper in person from your Returning Officer up until 5pm on election day.

- **I've spoiled or lost my ballot paper or postal voting statement. What do I do?**

You can get a replacement up until 5pm on election day. You must pick it up in person from us at South Norfolk Council offices. You will also need to return your spoilt ballot paper and the other parts of the ballot pack that were sent to you.

- **If I have applied for a postal vote, can I still vote at the polling station?**

If you have applied to vote by post, you cannot vote in person at the polling station. However, on election day you can return your postal vote to the polling station (before 10pm) or to us at South Norfolk Council Offices (before we close) if you do not want to post it or it is too late to post it. Contact us to find out where your polling station is, or visit the website for a full list.