

Timetable for local elections in Milton Keynes on Thursday 7 May 2026

This timetable covers the following polls taking place on Thursday 7 May 2026:

- local government (unitary authority) elections - 60 seats of Milton Keynes City Council
- parish council elections (2 additional seats to Moulsoe Parish Council)

The days which are disregarded in calculating the timetable are Saturday, Sunday, bank holidays and any day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning. Please be aware that the timetable may change in the event of days being appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.

Rows shaded in light teal are local / discretionary dates.

Event	Election	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Initial Poll Card data to printers	All	-	Thursday 12 March
Initial Postal Vote data to printers	All	-	Monday 23 March
Initial dispatch of Poll Cards (downstream provider 3-day service)	All	-	Tuesday 24 March
Publication of notice of election	All	Not later than 25 days ¹	Wednesday 25 March
Delivery of nomination papers	All	From the date stated on the notice of election up to 4pm on the nineteenth working day before the election	Between 10am and 4pm on any working day from Wednesday 25 March to Thursday 9 April.
Easter Bank Holidays - Good Friday (3 April) & Easter Monday (6 April)			
Second issue Poll Card data to printers	All	-	Wednesday 1 April
Additional postal vote data to printers	All	-	Wednesday 1 April
Second dispatch of Poll Cards (RM First Class)	All	-	Wednesday 8 April
Deadline for withdrawals of nomination	All	19 days (4pm)	4pm on Thursday 9 April

¹ The last date for publication of the Notice of Election is Monday 30 March, but it will be published on Wednesday 25 March in Milton Keynes. The regulated period for spending commences on Monday 30 March.

Event	Election	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Deadline for the notification of appointment of election agent	City Council	19 days (4pm)	4pm on Thursday 9 April
Publication of first interim election notice of alteration	All	19 days	Thursday 9 April
Publication of statement of persons nominated	All	Not later than 18 days (4pm)	Not later than 4pm on Friday 10 April
Initial dispatch of Postal Votes (Royal Mail First Class)	All	-	From Friday 17 April
Deadline for receiving applications for registration	All	12 days	Monday 20 April
Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes	All	11 days (5pm)	5pm on Tuesday 21 April
Final Postal Vote data to printers	All	-	Tuesday 21 April
Final Poll Card data to printers	All	-	Tuesday 21 April
Publication of second interim election notice of alteration	All	Between 18 days and 6 days	Wednesday 22 April
First opening of postal votes	All	-	Friday 24 April
Final dispatch of Postal Votes (RM First Class)	All	-	Monday 27 April
Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)	All	6 days (5pm)	5pm on Tuesday 28 April
Deadline for receiving applications for Voter Authority Certificates	All	6 days (5pm)	5pm on Tuesday 28 April

Event	Election	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Publication of notice of poll	All	Not later than 6 days	Not later than Tuesday 28 April
Publication of final election notice of alteration	All	5 days	Wednesday 29 April
Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents	All	5 days	Wednesday 29 April
Final dispatch of Poll Cards (RM First Class)	All	-	Wednesday 29 April
First date that electors can apply for a replacement for lost postal votes	All	4 days	Thursday 30 April
Bank holiday – Monday 4 May			
Polling day	All	0 (7am to 10pm)	7am to 10pm on Thursday 7 May
Counting of votes	All	-	From 9am on Friday 8 May at Arena MK (Stadium MK)
Last time that electors can apply for a replacement for spoilt or lost postal votes	All	0 (5pm)	5pm on Thursday 7 May
Deadline for emergency proxy applications	All	0 (5pm)	5pm on Thursday 7 May
Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal	All	0 (9pm)	9pm on Thursday 7 May
Delivery of return as to election expenses (parish council elections only)	Parish council	Not later than 28 calendar days after the date of the election	Thursday 4 June
Delivery of return as to election expenses	City Council	Not later than 35 calendar days after the date the election result is declared	By Friday 12 June
Sending postal vote identifier rejection notices	All	Within 3 calendar months beginning with the date of the poll	By Friday 7 August