Regulation 5 of the Elections (Local Authorities) Regulations 2022

NOTICE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES' BY ELECTION ON 17th July 2025

An election is to be held for members for each of the 5 Local Authorities listed below.

To be nominated as a candidate in the Local Authorities' By Election in July 2025, candidates must submit a completed nomination paper and a declaration of relevant interests form to the Deputy Returning Officer for the electoral area between **10 am** on **11 June 2025** and **1 pm on 18 June 2025,** at a time and place to be agreed with the Deputy Returning Officer. The nomination process is described in the 'Stand as a local candidate' webpage, see https://elections.gov.im/la-election/

Copies of the nomination paper and the declaration of relevant interests form are available from the Deputy Returning Officer for the local authority you wish to stand in, or to download from the Local Authority Elections page at https://elections.gov.im/la-election/ or obtained from the Crown and Elections Unit, Cabinet Office, Third Floor, Government Office, Bucks Road, Douglas, IM1 3PN.

In the event of a contested election, polling will take place on:

Thursday 17th July 2025.

Copies of the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020 and the Elections (Local Authorities) Regulations 2022 may be downloaded from the Cabinet Office website at https://elections.gov.im/la-election/ and are also available from the **Tynwald Library, Legislative Buildings, Finch Road, Douglas, IM1 3PW**.

Having registered with the Information Commissioner, candidates may obtain one copy of the register of electors of the local authority electoral area for which they are standing free of charge from the relevant **Local Authority**. Candidates should refer to the advice note from the Information Commissioner on the Cabinet Office website.

POSTAL VOTERS

The Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020 provides that a person who is or will be entitled to vote at an election may apply to the Deputy Returning Officer of their local authority to vote by post.

An application to be treated as a postal voter must be made on an application for a postal vote form, which must be submitted to the relevant Deputy Returning Officer:

- if the postal ballot paper is to be marked within the Isle of Man – not later than **9 July 2025**;
- if the postal ballot paper is to be marked within the British Isles, but outside the Isle of Man – not later than **3 July 2025**;
- if the postal ballot paper is to be marked overseas (outside the Isle of Man and the British Isles) – not later than **24 June 2025.**

Application forms may be downloaded from the Cabinet Office website at https://elections.gov.im/la-election/ or obtained from the **Crown and Elections Unit, Cabinet Office, Third Floor, Government Office, Bucks Road, Douglas, IM1 3PN**.

PROXY VOTES

A person entitled to vote at the election, but who cannot do so in person at a polling station or by casting an advance vote by post, may appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf. Anyone who wishes a proxy to be appointed to vote for him or her must apply to the **Electoral Registration Officer, Crown and Elections Unit, Cabinet Office, Third Floor, Government Office, Bucks Road, Douglas, IM1 3PN** on an application for the appointment of a proxy form not later than **5 pm** on **16 July 2025**.

The Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020 provides that, on an application by an elector, the Electoral Registration Officer may appoint a proxy to vote for the elector, if he or she is satisfied that the elector cannot cast his or her vote at a polling station or in advance by post, and that the person to be appointed proxy is not disqualified and is willing and capable of being appointed.

A person is disqualified from appointment as a proxy if he or she –

(a) has not attained the age of 16 years, or

(b) is subject to any incapacity to vote at an election.

A person may not be appointed proxy to vote on behalf of more than two electors in any electoral area unless that person is the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of each of those electors.

PLEASE NOTE:

Section 93 of the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020 provides:

(2) Each of the following persons perpetrates a corrupt practice –

a) a person who commits, or aids, abets, counsels or procures the commission of, personation;

b) a person who perpetrates bribery;

c) a person who exerts undue influence on any person in connection with an election.

These offences are described in more detail in sections 93 to 96 of the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020.

Section 102(2) provides that:

A person who engages in a corrupt practice commits an offence and is liable, -

(a) on conviction on information, -

(i) in the case of personation of or aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of person -ation, to custody for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine, or to both; or

(ii) in any other case, to custody for a term not exceeding one year or to a fine, or to both; or

(b) on summary conviction (including conviction under section 125 by the High Court), to custody for a term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both.

(3) A person who engages in an illegal practice (other than an illegal payment or hiring) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction (including conviction under section 125 by the High Court) to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

By Order of the Returning Officer - Chief Executive (Isle of Man Government)

Local Authority	Number of seats	Name and address of Deputy Returning Officer
Ballaugh Parish Commissioners	2	Mrs Angela Done, 10 Faaie Craine, Ballaugh, IM7 5AD
Douglas City Council Central Ward	1	Miss Kathleen Rice, City Hall, Ridgeway Street, Douglas, IM99 1AD
Jurby Parish Commissioners	2	Mr G Barry Kennedy, The Ridings, Foxdale Road, The Eairy, IM4 3HN
Port Erin Village District Commissioners	2	Mr Jason Roberts, Commissioners' Office, 12 Bridson Street, Port Erin, IM9 6AN
Ramsey Town Commissioners South Ward	1	Mr Steven Bevan, Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, IM8 1RT