# Voting in local elections in CROYDON on THURSDAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2022

Voting is one of the main ways you can have your say and elect representatives to improve the way services are delivered. It is your opportunity to exercise your democratic right and have your say.

#### **Deadline for registering to vote:**

### 11:59pm Thursday 14th April 2022

#### 1) Registering to vote online or by post

You will need your national insurance number if you have one. This should be on any letters from government bodies like the DWP or payslips from your employer.

To register to vote, use <a href="https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote">https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote</a>.

To find out more about registering and voting, use <a href="http://www.croydon.gov.uk/elections">http://www.croydon.gov.uk/elections</a>.

You can register to vote if you have no current address.

**Homeless people** may register at the address or place where they spend a substantial part of their time either during the day or at night.

**Mental health patients**, either voluntary or detained (but not those detained for criminal activity) may register at the institution where they are currently resident or at the address they would have been resident or have previously lived.

For further details, see <a href="https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/other-registration-options">https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/other-registration-options</a>.

If you need any help completing the form, please contact the Electoral Registration Office on the phone number below.

Electoral Registration Officer, The Town Hall, Katharine Street, CR9 1DE

- <a href="http://www.croydon.gov.uk/elections">http://www.croydon.gov.uk/elections</a>
- 0300 3730595
- electoral.services@croydon.gov.uk

#### 2) Voting in person, by post or by proxy

#### a) Voting in person

You should receive a polling card 2 weeks before election day which is **THURSDAY MAY 5**<sup>th</sup>. For more information on how to vote, go to <a href="https://www.croydon.gov.uk/council-and-elections/voting-and-elections/voting/how-vote">https://www.croydon.gov.uk/council-and-elections/voting-and-elections/voting/how-vote</a>.

To make sure you get a polling card that confirms you are registered to vote, you should **register to vote as soon as possible**.

If you won't be able to make it to the polling station on the day of the election (Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>), you can choose to either to vote by post or nominate someone to vote on your behalf (vote by proxy). You must register to vote by **post on or before**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 5pm or by proxy on or before Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 5pm.

#### b) Vote by post

Voters can choose to vote by post instead of voting at their polling station. You will need to complete a postal vote application form.

For further details go to <a href="https://www.croydon.gov.uk/council-and-elections/voting-and-elections/voting/how-vote/post">https://www.croydon.gov.uk/council-and-elections/voting-and-elections/voting/how-vote/post</a>.

As the Mayor of Croydon and Croydon Council elections being held on 5 May 2022, the deadline for registering for a postal vote is **5pm on Tuesday 19 April 2022.** 

All completed forms can be:

- returned by hand or post to the Electoral Registration
  Officer, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR9 1DE
- scanned and emailed to <u>electoral.services@croydon.gov.uk</u>

## c) Vote by proxy

Proxy voting is where you choose someone you trust (a proxy) to vote for you because you are unable to do so yourself. As the Mayor of Croydon and Croydon Council elections is being held on Thursday 5 May 2022, the deadline for registering for a proxy vote is **5pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022.** 

You must tell them why you need to vote by proxy. Reasons could include illness, disability, holiday or work arrangements.

For the security of your proxy vote, by law all applicants are required to give their signature and date of birth. Without these, your application will not be allowed.

The proxy either casts the proxy vote at the polling station or by post.

For further details go to <a href="https://www.croydon.gov.uk/council-and-elections/voting-and-elections/voting/how-vote/proxy">https://www.croydon.gov.uk/council-and-elections/voting-and-elections/voting/how-vote/proxy</a>.

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**Deadline for registering to vote by post:** 

Tuesday 19th April 5pm

**Deadline for registering to vote by proxy:** 

Tuesday 26th April 5pm

**Election day:** 

Thursday 5th May 7am to 10pm