

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Senedd election

For the PONTYPRIDD CYNON MERTHYR Constituency

1. An election is to be held for Members to serve in the Senedd for the Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr constituency.
2. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer no later than **4pm on Thursday 9 April 2026**.
3. Nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Returning Officer, Electoral Services, 10-12 Gelliwastad Road, Pontypridd, CF37 2BW or electronically via electoralservices@rctcbc.gov.uk from the date of publication of this notice until Thursday 9 April 2026.
4. Nomination papers may be delivered to the Returning Officer, Electoral Services, 10-12 Gelliwastad Road, Pontypridd, CF37 2BW between 9am and 4pm on any working day from the date of publication of this notice (excluding bank holidays) or electronically as per the arrangements set out in the electronic delivery statement below.
5. If the election is contested the poll will take place on **Thursday 7 May 2026**.
6. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on **Monday 20 April 2026**. Applications can be made online: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.
7. The deposit of £500 per individual candidate or the deposit of £500 for the first candidate on a party list, and £200 for each of the next five candidates on the party list, can be paid by legal tender or via electronic bank transfer. BACS details can be obtained from the Returning Officer electronically via electoralservices@rctcbc.gov.uk.
8. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer (as shown below) by **5pm on Tuesday 21 April 2026**.
9. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer (as shown below) by **5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026**.
10. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer (as shown below) by 5pm on Thursday 7 May 2026.

County Borough	Contact – The Electoral Registration Officer	Telephone	Email
Rhondda Cynon Taf	Electoral Services, 10-12 Gelliwastad Road, Pontypridd, CF37 2BW	01443 490100	electoralservices@rctcbc.gov.uk
Merthyr Tydfil	Electoral Services, Civic Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8AN	01685 725284	electoral@merthyr.gov.uk

Dated: Wednesday 25 March 2026

Andrew S Wilkins
Returning Officer

Electronic delivery statement

Nomination papers submitted electronically must be delivered in accordance with arrangements set out in this statement.

- Nomination papers submitted electronically by email **MUST** be delivered to Nominations@rctcbc.gov.uk. If nomination papers are sent to any other email address they will not be deemed as being delivered to the Returning Officer and therefore, will not be accepted.
- Informal checks are encouraged before the formal delivery of nomination papers. Informal checks must be sent to Nominations@rctcbc.gov.uk with the subject heading 'INFORMAL CHECK'.
- It is encouraged that you include additional contact details in the body of your email so that the Returning Officer/Electoral Services staff can contact you regarding any queries.
- To ensure a clear audit trail of submitted nomination papers, all party list candidate nomination papers must be attached to one email.
- Completed nomination papers can be attached to an email in a word document or as a .pdf attachment only.
- Nomination papers may be signed electronically – this could take the form of a typed signature for example.
- Formal delivery of nomination papers via email must be sent to Nominations@rctcbc.gov.uk with the subject header 'FORMAL DELIVERY'.
- Once nomination papers have been submitted to Nominations@rctcbc.gov.uk for formal delivery, no changes can be subsequently made to them and they are unable to be returned.
- Notices of withdrawal can also be sent to Nominations@rctcbc.gov.uk.
- The maximum email size limit for submitting nominations is 30MB. Any files sent that exceeds this will not be received by the Returning Officer.
- An automated email reply from the Returning Officer will be sent upon receipt of the email. **This is not confirmation that the nomination is valid.** The Returning Officer will send a notice to inform candidates of their decision as to whether or not their nomination is valid.
- Nomination papers and notices of withdrawal are treated as having been delivered at the time when its delivery is recorded on the computer system in use by the Returning Officer.

Please note:

it is the responsibility of Nomination Officer for a party or individual candidates as appropriate to ensure that the Returning Officer receives nomination forms in the correct way by the required deadlines.

Should you require any assistance with the electronic delivery of nominations please contact the Returning Officer on:

Tel: 01443 490100

Email: electoralservices@rctcbc.gov.uk

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