

NOTICE OF ELECTION



A **Local Government By-Election** is to be held for the
DOWLAIS AND PANT WARD
If contested, polling will take place on
THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2026

Ward	No. of Councillors to be elected
DOWLAIS AND PANT	1

1. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer no later than 4.00pm on Friday 29 May 2026
2. Nomination papers may be delivered to the Returning Officer at Civic Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8AN between 10.00am and 4.00pm 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.
3. Nomination papers may be obtained from the Returning Officer either at the offices of the council for Merthyr Tydfil, Civic Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8AN or electronically via 2026elections@merthyr.gov.uk from Tuesday 19 May 2026 until Friday 29 May 2026.
4. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on Tuesday 9 June 2026 Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>
5. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Civic Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8AN by 5.00pm on Wednesday 10 June 2026
6. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Civic Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8AN by 5.00pm on Wednesday 17 June 2026.

Dated: **Tuesday 19 May 2026**

Ellis Cooper
Returning Officer

7. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Civic Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 8AN by 5.00pm on Thursday 25 June 2026.

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 2026elections@merthyr.gov.uk with the subject header 'FORMAL DELIVERY'. If nomination papers are sent to any other email address, they will not be deemed 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 2026elections@merthyr.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.
- Once nomination papers have been submitted to 2026elections@merthyr.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 2026elections@merthyr.gov.uk
- 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 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 the Nominating 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:** 01685 725284 **Email:** electoral@merthyr.gov.uk

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