## Application to vote by proxy at a particular election or referendum

#### Voting by proxy

Proxy voting means that if you aren't able to cast your vote in person, you can have someone you trust cast your vote for you.

You can use this form to apply to vote by proxy for one particular election or referendum only. Both you and your proxy must be registered and eligible to vote.

A person can only be a proxy for close relatives and up to two other people at an election or referendum.

Close relatives are the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the applicant.

#### How do I apply to vote by proxy?

- You must ask someone who is willing and capable to be your proxy and vote on your behalf.
- Fill in the proxy vote application form. You must give a reason why you want to vote by proxy, for example you may be abroad on holiday on polling day.
- Make sure you complete all sections of the form and supply your date of birth and signature. You need to give your date of birth and signature on this application form. This information is needed to prevent fraud. If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your elections team at your council.
- Return your form to your elections team at your council. You can find their details and more information at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

#### Please do not return your form to the Electoral Commission.

When applying for a new proxy vote, you must return your proxy vote application form by **5pm**, **6 working days before the poll**.

When changing or cancelling an existing proxy, postal or postal proxy vote, you must return your proxy vote application form by **5pm, 11 working days before the poll.** 

If you are not already registered to vote, you must register before applying for a proxy vote. The deadline to register to vote is **midnight**, **12 working days before the poll**. Register to vote online at **gov.uk/register-to-vote** 

This form and these deadlines do not apply in Northern Ireland. Visit eoni.org.uk for more information.

#### What happens after I've returned this form?

- Your proxy must go to your polling station to vote. If your proxy cannot get to the polling station, they can apply to vote for you by post. They can apply to do this by **5pm**, **11 working days before the poll**. They can contact the elections team at your council for more details and to request a further application form. For contact details, go to **electoralcommission.org.uk/voter**.
- Your proxy will be sent a proxy poll card, telling them where and when to vote on your behalf.
- You should let your proxy know how you want them to vote on your behalf, for example, which candidate, party, or outcome.
- If it turns out that you are able to go to the polling station on polling day, you can vote in person as long as your proxy has not already done so, or has not applied to vote for you by post.

#### **Privacy statement**

We collect information under the legal basis of a task carried out in the public interest, as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and related regulations. We will look after personal information securely and follow data protection legislation.

If you opted-out of the open register we will only use the information you give us for electoral purposes, including matching it against other sources of data to support the electoral register. We will not give personal information to anyone else, unless we have to by law. The law requires us to share your information with candidates, political parties and campaigners for democratic engagement purposes and credit reference agencies to check your identity when you apply for credit.

If you have <u>not</u> opted-out of the open register your name and address can be bought by anyone and used for lots of purposes, including direct marketing.

The Electoral Registration Officer is the Controller. For further information relating to the processing of personal data you should refer to their privacy notice on their website. You can find their website address and contact details at **electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.** 

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### Only one person can apply to vote by proxy using this form

Please write in black ink and use CAPITAL LETTERS. When you have completed every section and signed the form yourself, send it to your elections team at your council. You can find their address at **electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.** 

1 About you	4 Why do you want a proxy vote?
Surname	Please explain why you are not able to go to
	your polling station on polling day.
First name(s) (in full)	
Your address (where you are registered to vote)	
	5 Your date of birth and declaration
Postcode	Declaration: I have asked the person I have
Phone number (optional)	named as my proxy and confirm that they are willing and capable to be appointed to vote on my behalf.
Email (optional)	As far as I know, the details on this form are
Providing an email and phone number gives a quick and easy way to contact you about your application.	true and accurate. I understand that to provide false information on this form is an offence, punishable on conviction by imprisonment of up to two years and/or a fine.
	Date of birth: Please write your date of birth
2 About your proxy (the person you have chosen to vote on your behalf)	in the boxes below using black ink.
Full name	
Family relationship (if any)	
Full address	<b>Signature:</b> Sign below using black ink, keeping within the grey border.
Postcode	
Phone number (optional)	
Email (optional)	
3 At which election(s) and referendum(s) do you want a proxy vote?	If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your elections team at your council.
I want to vote by proxy at the election(s)	6 Date of application
and referendum(s) to be held on:	Today's date

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