

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Senedd Cymru Election

For the Afan Ogwr Rhondda Constituency

1. An election is to be held for Members to serve in the Senedd for the Afan Ogwr Rhondda constituency.
2. Nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Returning Officer, Electoral Services, First Floor, Room 234, Civic Centre, Port Talbot, SA13 1PJ or electronically via nominations@npt.gov.uk from Thursday 26 March 2026 until 4:00pm on Thursday 9 April 2026.
3. Nomination papers may be delivered to the Returning Officer at Electoral Services, First Floor, Room 234, Civic Centre, Port Talbot, SA13 1PJ between 9:00am and 5:00pm 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 overleaf, but not later than **4pm on Thursday 9 April 2026**.
4. If the election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 7 May 2026.
5. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on **Monday 20 April 2026**. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>
6. 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. The deposit can be paid by legal tender (cash), a banker's draft cheque or by bank transfer (subject to prior notification).
7. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm on Tuesday 21 April 2026**.
8. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026**.
9. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm on Thursday 7 May 2026**.

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY STATEMENT

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

When submitting completed nomination papers via e-mail, candidates are required to:

- send the relevant documents to nominations@npt.gov.uk only (nomination papers sent to any other Council e-mail addresses may not be considered valid);
- in the subject heading, state whether the documents presented are a formal submission or require an informal check, and state their name, political party (if relevant) and electoral area that they are standing in (example: RE: Informal Check/Formal Submission – John Smith – Efficiency Party - Afan Ogwr Rhondda);
- in the body of the e-mail, provide a contact phone number as a minimum, in order to allow Electoral Services staff to contact candidates to resolve any potential issues with nomination papers in a timely manner.

When submitting completed nominations papers via e-mail, it is recommended where possible that candidates:

- provide nomination papers in Microsoft Word or PDF format, in order to keep file sizes to a minimum, and to avoid e-mails being rejected by the Council's firewall, or being caught in the Council's mail filter;
- avoid sending multiple attachments in an e-mail, and instead provide all nomination papers in one entire document if possible, in order to minimise file sizes (as explained above);
- submit all nomination papers in one single e-mail to ensure that all elements are received by the Returning Officer.

PLEASE NOTE: Electronic signatures may now be used as an alternative to wet ink signatures when submitting nomination papers electronically (e.g. candidate signatures and witness signature)

It is the responsibility of candidates to obtain confirmation that the nomination papers have been received by the Returning Officer, by contacting Electoral Services on 01639 763330 at the earliest opportunity following submission.

An electronic read receipt or automatic reply from the Returning Officer 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. In the case where there is an issue with the nomination papers, Electoral Services staff will contact candidates on the phone number provided to attempt to resolve the matter in a timely manner.

Should you require any assistance with the electronic delivery of nominations, please contact Electoral Services on 01639 763330 / nominations@npt.gov.uk

Dated: Wednesday, 25 March 2026

Returning Officer:

