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May 2022 elections: update on party names, descriptions and emblems

As per our approach to providing updates on changes made to party names, descriptions and emblems set out in [Bulletin 301](#), below is a summary of the updates we have made since [Bulletin 303](#):

- [The Community Party](#)

No parties have been deregistered since the previous Bulletin.

You can find full details of what amendments have been made in our [list of recent decisions to approve or reject applied-for party names, descriptions and emblems](#).

When receiving nominations, Returning Officers must check that the party name or any description given on a nomination form, as well as the requested emblem, is registered on [the Commission's register of political parties](#) and that the details provided match the registration. To ensure that you are viewing the most up-to-date information, you may need to delete your browser history or refresh the page. If you are unsure how to do this, your IT team should be able to advise you.

Emblem Zip file

A [Zip file](#) of emblem images is available on our website and was last updated on 28 March 2022. **You should not use any Zip files downloaded before this date for any purpose.**

While the Zip file can be used by your printer to prepare ballot papers, it is the information on the Commission's register of political parties that should be used for confirming which emblem and description to print on the ballot papers. You should therefore ensure that you and your printers only download and use the Zip file once nominations have closed.

Please [contact us](#) if you have any queries about the information contained on the registers.

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EA Bulletins are issued on a regular basis. They are one of our key channels for communicating with Returning Officers, Electoral Registration Officers and their staff. Past issues of Bulletins for England, Scotland and Wales are available [here](#). You can also [subscribe to the EA Bulletins](#).

Please [keep us informed](#) of any staff changes within your team. This will help us to keep our mailing lists up-to-date.

We are sending you this newsletter as it contains important information about the Electoral Commission's work which is relevant to you. The newsletter forms part of the

May 2022 elections: post-election data collection

The Commission will be reporting on the May 2022 council elections and, as ever, feedback and data from Returning Officers, Electoral Registration Officers and administrators will play a vital role in informing these reports.

We've summarised our plans below, along with some early information on how and when we will be asking for your help.

Post-election data collection

The data we are going to collect can be found [here](#). The file includes all elections that could take place in Scotland, so please look at the appropriate column for the elections you have in May 2022.

We will once again be collecting the data via our post-election data portal.

You will receive an email (sent to your generic local authority email address) soon after the election to allow you to fill in the data at your convenience. Your previous passwords will have lapsed so you will need to reset the passwords on your account. The deadline for completing data will be Friday 10 June.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact research@electoralcommission.org.uk.

Polling station staff survey

We are carrying out a survey of polling station staff across the UK to collect feedback about their polling day experiences. The polling station handbook (hard copy and digital) will feature a QR code which staff can use a smart phone to scan to access the survey. The link to the survey will go live on the afternoon of polling day.

We would appreciate your help in highlighting the survey to your polling station staff, such as through your planned training. Alternatively, in the week after polling day we will provide you with a link to the online survey, which you could then e-mail to polling station staff.

If you have any queries about the survey, please contact research@electoralcommission.org.uk.

Candidate survey

We are also carrying out a survey of candidates who stood for election in May 2022, asking about their experiences through from nominations to the count.

We would greatly appreciate your help in sharing the survey with candidates in your area where you hold an email address for them.

The survey will be open from Friday 6 May and we would ideally like invites to go out as soon as possible after the election. We intend to make the survey link and accompanying explanatory text available by mid-April.

If you have any queries about the survey, please contact researchsurvey@electoralcommission.org.uk.

Electoral Commission's public task which has its basis in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. We will manage your personal information and contact details in line with the General Data Protection Regulation and UK data protection legislation as outlined in our privacy notice (<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/privacy-notice>)

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, you may [unsubscribe](#) at any time.

Electoral administration feedback

We would also like your feedback. This not only informs our post-election reporting but will also help us to improve how we support you in delivering well-run elections in the future.

The survey link will be made live on Friday 6 May and the deadline for completion will be Friday 13 June.

If you have any queries about the feedback survey please contact researchsurvey@electoralcommission.org.uk.

Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act: update

The Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act received Royal Assent on 24 March.

This repeals the Fixed-term Parliaments Act, re-establishing the pre-2011 process by which the Prime Minister requests a dissolution from the Sovereign which, if granted, would enable the Prime Minister to call a UK general election at a time of their choosing. The next UK Parliamentary general election (UKPGE) is no longer scheduled to take place in May 2024, but must now be held by 28 January 2025.

All references to the process for calling a general election in our core UKPGE guidance have been updated accordingly.

Job vacancies at the Electoral Commission

We are currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Guidance Officer (Electoral Guidance) – FTC until May 2024
- Senior Adviser – Performance Standards (Elections Bill) – FTC until May 2024

The closing date for applications for the Guidance Officer (Electoral Guidance) role is Sunday 3 April. If you would like an informal discussion about this role, please contact Mark Pascoe, Electoral Registration Guidance Manager on 020 7271 0690.

The closing date for applications for the Senior Adviser – Performance Standards (Elections Bill) role is Tuesday 12 April. If you would like an informal discussion about this role, please contact Mel Davidson, Head of Support and Improvement on 020 7271 0552.

For further information or to apply, please visit the [recruitment page](#) of our website.

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