

Annotated nomination papers - Principal Areas - England

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The nominations process is a key element in the administration of elections, and at scheduled local government elections there can be numerous nomination papers to process from multiple candidates/agents with varying levels of experience.
- 1.2 This document, which includes annotated nomination forms, has been produced as a guide for Returning Officers, their deputies, and any staff appointed to assist with the checking of nomination papers. The notes cover points that commonly cause confusion or difficulty, which staff can refer to when checking that a nomination paper is completed properly.

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2 Process and forms

- 2.1 Generally, there are three documents that all candidates must submit to make their nomination valid:
 - Nomination form
 - Home Address form
 - Consent to nomination

These forms must be delivered by hand, must be originals not copies and anything received by email/fax will not be valid.

- 2.2 Candidates standing on behalf of a registered political party will also need to submit:
 - a certificate of authorisation
 - an emblem request form (if they want an emblem on the ballot paper)

These can be delivered by hand or by post but must be originals and anything received by email/fax will not be valid.

- 2.3 Candidates may also submit an agent appointment form, which is not required to determine their nomination, and does not necessarily need to be submitted at the same time as the other nomination forms. However, it does have the same deadline. Where a candidate does not submit an agent appointment form, they will become their own election agent by default.
- 2.4 Any issues which are unclear when processing nominations must be escalated to the Returning Officer.
- 2.5 It is good practice to informally check nomination papers before their formal submission. This can allow candidates or agents to make any corrections or complete new nomination forms as necessary.
- 2.6 After informally checking nomination papers, and any issues have been addressed, candidates should be invited to formally submit the nomination paper. It is at that point that staff should record the date and time received, and number the form(s) in the order in which they are submitted.
- 2.7 Once a nomination has been formally submitted a candidate cannot amend any details. But if a candidate changes their mind and they



no longer want to stand for election, they can withdraw until 4pm on the 19th working day before the poll.

3 Key Statutory References

Key statutory references

The Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006

Other useful guidance sources

<u>Electoral Commission Guidance for Returning Officers - Local Elections in England</u>

Electoral Commission Guidance for candidates and agents

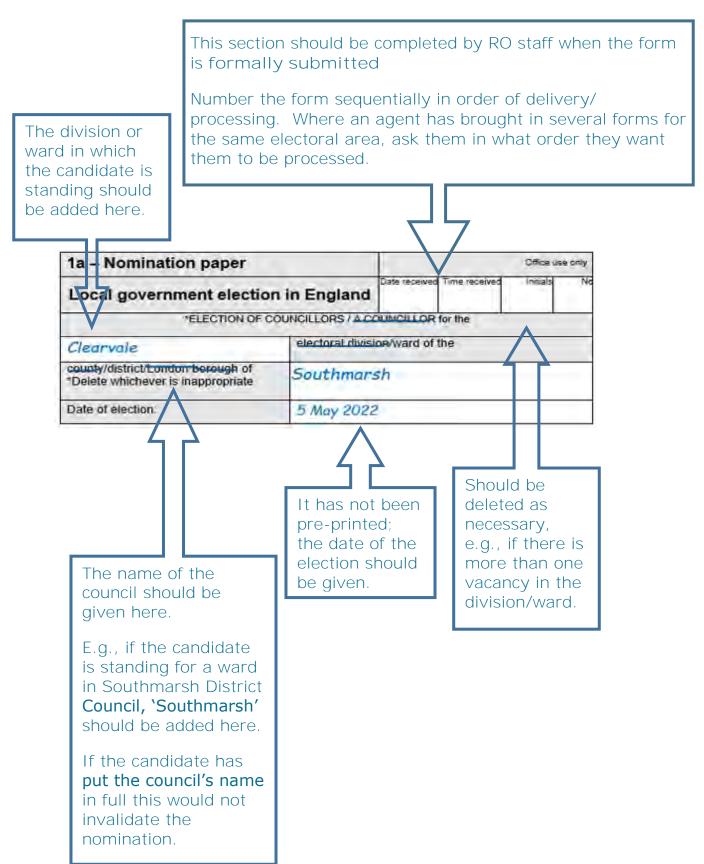


4 Annotated forms

4.1 These annotated forms cover areas that commonly cause confusion or difficulty, which staff can refer to when checking that a nomination paper is completed properly. Notes have been added to draw attention to the areas where candidates may have questions or made errors, and to remind staff where they need to add details.



Form 1a - Nomination paper (header)





Form 1a - Nomination paper (Candidate's details)

The Candidate's details section must be completed in full before any electors sign the nomination paper

It is not vital that this is completed Full names must be added here - no Titles will not appear on the ballot initials. paper or other notices. Prefixes (e.g., Sir) or suffixes (e.g., Snr) Should be deleted must not be used. as necessary. We, the undersigned being local government electors for the said electoral division hereby nominate the under-mentioned person as a candidate at the said election ward do electoral division Candidate's Defails Michael Addiss Candidate's surname Smith Ms/Dr/Omer Other forenames in full Joseph Commonly used surname (if any) Commonly used forenames (if any) Description (if any) Gold party candidate Use no more than six words see note 5)

The description may be left blank.

OR the candidate could use the description 'Independent'.

OR - for political party candidates, they would need to enter the registered party name or description as authorised by the party. This must be as registered with the <u>Electoral Commission</u>, and must match EXACTLY with the description authorised on Form 2 - the Certificate of Authorisation.

It is important to read the <u>EC</u> <u>guidance</u> if a description is used.

This is optional.

If the candidate is commonly known by a different name to their actual name, this/these should be entered here.

The commonly used name will then appear on the ballot paper and the Statement of Persons Nominated instead of the actual name.

Usually, you will take the commonly used name at face value, but it may be rejected if it is obscene or offensive, or its use could mislead or confuse electors.

It is important to read the <u>EC guidance</u> if a commonly used name is used.



Form 1a - Nomination paper (subscribers)

			Elector	al number
	Signature	Print name	Polling District	Elector Number
Proposer	S games	Sarah Jones	AE	123
Seconder	Tjones	Tom Jones	AE	124
	dersigned, being local g ereby assent to the fore	overnment electors for the said *e going nomination	lectoral division/	
1	2 Taylor	Bob Taylor	AA	12/
2	D Taylor	Doris Taylor	AA	13
3	W Gones	William Jones	AB	805
4	Anne Smith	Anne Smith	AA	222
5	A Saisi	Matthew Smith	AA	224
6	> c Williams	David Williams	AC	701
7	S Williams	Susan Williams	AC	702
8	P Williams	Peter Williams	AC	701/1

The candidate should include the polling district reference and elector number from the register in force when the Notice of Election (NOE) is published.

The form must be signed by registered electors, a proposer, seconder and eight assentors from the relevant division/ward.

If you are publishing the NOE early, you can assist candidates/agents with elector numbers providing they tell you the full name and address of the subscribers.

Each subscriber must sign the nomination form in the signature column. Their name must be printed too, preferably in capitals and does not have to match the name as printed in the register.

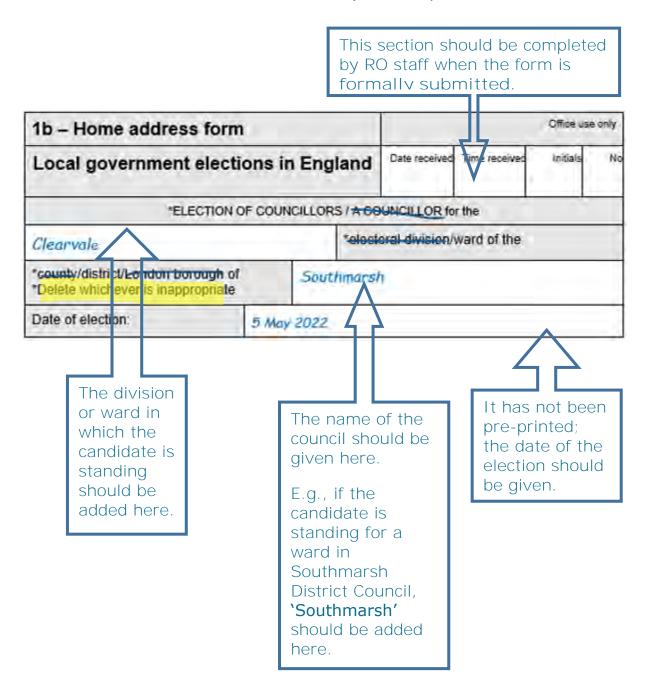
An elector must not sign more nomination papers than there are vacancies in the division/ward.

The details of the subscribers should be input into the election management software to check that they are registered, and no subscriber has signed more forms than permitted.

For further information see the EC guidance.



Form 1b - Home address form (header)





Form 1b - Home address form (Part 1)

All candidates must complete Part 1 of Form 1b

This should be the actual full name (rather than commonly used name). Check it is the same full name as given in Form 1a.

The home address of the candidate must be given here:

- in full and without any abbreviations - it must be their current home address - it must not be a business address (unless they run a business from their home)

For further information see the EC guidance.

Full name of candidate		Joseph Smith
lome address (in full)		1 Forest Lane Southfold, 599 1ZW
Qualifying address: Add your qualifying addres relevant qualifications below (you can complete		
Qualifications that apply (tick those which apply	y)	Address
(a) I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the *county/district/condon borough named above		1 Forest Lane Southfold, 599 1ZW
(b) I have during the whole of the preceding 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the area named above		
(c) my principal or only place of work during the preceeding 12 months has been in the *county/district/Condon porough named above	×	Dr Jo's Medical Practice 1 High Street, Northfold, 599 2AB
(d) I have during the whole of the preceeding 12 months resided in the *county/district or London borough named above		
Witness details		
Full name of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form		Sidney Jackson Brown
Full home address of the person who will witne the candidate's consent to nomination form	ess	3 Forest Lane Southfold, 599 IZW

The full address should be written next to each of the qualifications which apply.

If applicable, a different address may be used for each qualification.

Must match the information given on Form 1c.

There are no restrictions on who can be a witness, but the same person will need to witness Form 1c.

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Form 1b - Home address form (Part 2)

Candidates who do not want their home address printed on the ballot paper must complete and sign Part 2 of Form 1b.

Part 2 should be submitted whether it is completed or not.

made public. Note: Please submit thi	s part (part 2) of the home address form with your	
If you request that your home the statement of persons non relevant area in which your h	address is not made public then your address will not appear on ninated, notice of poll or the ballot paper. Instead the name of the ome address is situated (or country, if outside the UK), as explained ement of persons nominated, notice of poll and the ballot papers.	
Statement: I require my home	address not to be made public	
The relevant area my home address is situated in:	Southmarsh (insert name of relevant area)!	
OR		
My home address is situated outside the UK. My home address is situated in:	(insert name of country)	If either
Signature of candidate (only	required where Part 2 above has been completed)	of the two boxes
Candidate's signature:	95mich	above have been
Date:	31 March 2022	the form
	The relevant area is the	must be signed and dated.
	county/district/London borough in which the home address is situated.	
	For example, if the candidate's home address is in the Southmarsh District	

relevant area is 'Southmarsh'.

For further information see the <u>EC</u> quidance.

Council area, the name of the



Form 1c - Consent to nomination

The entire form must be submitted.

1c - Candidate's consent to nomination Local government elections in England This should be You must declare that you meet at least one of the listed qualification(s) below. To do this, strike through any that do not apply. Any qualification(s) that apply must match the information given on the actual full your home address form. 5 May 2022 Date of election: name (rather than The I (name in full): Joseph Smith commonly candidate hereby consent to my nomination as a Clearvale *electoral used name) candidate for election as councillor for the: must strike division/ ward as given in through any of the "county/district/London berough of Southmarsh Form 1a. qualification I declare that on the day of my nomination. I am qualified and that, if there is a poll on the day of election. I will be qualified to be so elected by virtue of being on that day or those days a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of a Member State of the European Union, who has attained the age of 18 years and that: that does not apply, leaving at *a. I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the *county/district/London least one borough named above; or not struck have during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day, or those days, occupied as owner or terrain land or other premises in the area named above; or through. *c. my principal or only place of work during those 12 months has been in the *county/district/London borough named above; or The 'd I have during the whole of those 12 months resided in the "county/district or London borough named above." qualification (s) which I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am not disqualified for being elected by reason of any disqualification set out in, or decision made under, section 80 of the Local apply must Government Act 1972 or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 (copies of which are printed The candidate overleaf), and I do not hold a politically restricted post, within the meaning of Part 1 of the Local match the Government and Housing Act 1989, under a local authority, within the meaning of that Part. must sign here, information and the date given in Part Date of birth: Signature: Date of consent: should not be 1 of Form 23 1990 45 with 18 March VZ earlier than 1 1b. Witness: I confirm the above-mentioned candidate signed the declaration in my presence. month before Sidney Jackson Brown the deadline for Witness's ign ature: 8 J Brown nominations. Candidate must be This must be the 18 or over on the same person who date of witnessed Part 1 submitting the of Form 1b. nomination paper.



Form 2 - Certificate of authorisation

2 - Certificate of authorisation

Date:

For party candidates only

Office use only

Initials

Date received Time received

Local gov	England	ection	5 111		
Details of cand	lidate to be au	ıthorise	d and the all	lowed descri	ption/party name
Ward/division name:	Clearvale			Date of election:	5 May 2022
The candidate (name in full):			Joseph Sm	ith	
value of political party.			old party Political party registered with the Electoral Commission		
I hereby certify tha may include the fol registered descript name in their nomi	Gold	party candid	late	<	
	nce to sign this f ithorised to do s				ed nominating officer g officer
Signature of party's Officer (or person a registered Nomina	authorised by th		H Robertson		
Name of person si	gning this form:		Hugh Robe	rtson	

If the candidate is authorised to use a specific registered description or the party name, it should be written here. Must match description on Form 1a.

Or, if the candidate is authorised to choose, it should say 'any registered description or the party's name as registered with the Electoral Commission'

Check the <u>EC</u> website for descriptions.

Must be signed by the party's Nominating
Officer or someone authorised by them – no
need to check authority granted.

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Registered party names and descriptions can be found on the Electoral Commission website: http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/

by searching the registration details of the party and clicking for more details to view the descriptions.



Form 3 - Emblem request form

For party candidates only

(To request an emblem as registered with the EC)

3 – Request for a party emblem	Office use			use only
Local government elections in England	Date received	Time received	Initials	No

Ward/ divisio n name:	Clear	vale	Date of election:	5 May 2022
Candidate name in full:	Josep	h Smith		
			against my name, th the party has register	e following registered red more than one):
Emblem to be used (Please use name or description as on the Commission's website		Gold medal	- England version	(ID 999)
Candidate's signature		J.Smith	^	
			2 5	7

This should be the name as registered with the EC e.g., "Emblem for use in England" or "Emblem ID 999".

Emblems can be found on the Electoral Commission website: http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/

by the candidate.

by searching the registration details for the party and clicking for more details to view the emblems

The RO may supply a printout of the emblems for checking purposes – it would be considered good practice to do so

Candidate's notification of their election agent



Form 4 - Agent notification form

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Optional - if a candidate does not appoint an agent they will become their own agent by default.

4 - Notification of an	election agent			40.00	
Local government elections in England		and the second of the second	Time received	Initials	No
Ward/division name Clearvale					
Date of election:	5 May 2022	22			

fress of my election agent is:
Emma White
10 Marine Road, Whitecoast, W12 3AB
ent to which all claims, notices, legal process and the cuments may be sent is:
Gold Party Office, 8 Main Street, Northfold, 599 3XY
9.Swith
31 March 2022

be signed by both

Must

Must be signed by both

I [agent named above] confirm my acceptance as the election agent for the above named

understand that I must carry out my duties according to law. I understand that there are penalties if I fail to fulfil my duties according to law.

Agent's signature: Date: 31 March 2022

Must be a physical address, within the council area, or in a constituency within the local government area, or in a district. borough. Welsh county/ county borough adjoining it.

The agent's office address will appear on the Notice of Election Agents

Agent's other details in case of query (optional - will not be published) Home telephone: 01742 555555 Work telephone: 01742 444444 Mobile telephone: 09777 444444 Email address: 3bwh1te5544@goldpartymail.co.uk

Useful to collect this information in case of query or follow up contact.

Candidates who appoint themselves as an agent, but are withholding their home address from the ballot paper and also do not want it to appear on the Notice of Election Agents, could provide an office address which is different to their home address.

For further information see the EC guidance

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Appendix A - Example of correctly completed nomination

1a – Nomination paper				Office	use only
Local government election i	Date received	Time received	Initials	No	
*ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS / A COUNCILLOR for the					
Clearvale	electoral division	on/ward of	the		
county/district/London berough of *Delete whichever is inappropriate	Southmars	sh			
Date of election:	5 May 2022				

We, the undersigned, being local government electors for the said *electoral division/ ward, do hereby nominate the under-mentioned person as a candidate at the said election

Candidate's Details				
Candidate's surname	Smith	Mr/Mrs/Miss/ Ms/Dr/Other		
Other forenames in full	Joseph	·		
Commonly used surname (if any)				
Commonly used forenames (if any)	Jo			
Description (if any) Use no more than six words (see note 5)	Gold party candidate			

			Electora	number			
	Signature	Print name	Polling District	Elector Number			
Proposer	S Jones	Sarah Jones	ΑE	123			
Seconder	T_Jones	Tom Jones	ΑE	124			
	We, the undersigned, being local government electors for the said *electoral division/ ward, do hereby assent to the foregoing nomination						
1	R Taylor	Bob Taylor	AA	12			
2	D Paylor	Doris Taylor	AA	13			
3	W Jones	William Jones	AB	805			
4	Anne Smith	Anne Smith	AA	222			
5	M Smith	Matthew Smith	AA	224			
6	D C Williams	David Williams	AC	701			
7	S Williams	Susan Williams	AC	702			
8	P Williams	Peter Williams	AC	701/1			



1b – Home address form			Office use onl				
Local government elections in England			Date received	Time received	Initials	No	
*ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS / # C				UNCILLOR fo	r the		
Clearvale *elec			*electe	oral division/	ward of the		
*county/district/London borough of *Delete whichever is inappropriate			hmarsh	1			
Date of election:	5 May 2022						

You must complete Part 1

Only complete Part 2 if you do not wish your home address to be made public

Part 1: To be completed by all candidates in England					
Full name of candidate	Joseph Smith				
Home address (in full)	1 Forest Lane Southfold, S99 1ZW				
Qualifying address: Add your qualifying address relevant qualifications below (you can complete					
Qualifications that apply (tick those which apply	/)	Address			
(a) I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the *county/district/London borough named above	~	1 Forest Lane Southfold, 599 1ZW			
(b) I have during the whole of the preceding 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the area named above					
(c) my principal or only place of work during the preceeding 12 months has been in the *county/district/London borough named above	~	Dr Jo's Medical Practice 1 High Street, Northfold, 599 2AB			
(d) I have during the whole of the preceeding 12 months resided in the *county/district or London borough named above					
Witness details					
Full name of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form		Sidney Jackson Brown			
Full home address of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form		3 Forest Lane Southfold, S99 1ZW			



Part 2: To be completed only if you do not wish your home address to be made public.

Note: Please submit this part (part 2) of the home address form with your nomination papers, even if your home address is to be made public.

If you request that your home address is not made public then your address will not appear on the statement of persons nominated, notice of poll or the ballot paper. Instead the name of the relevant area in which your home address is situated (or country, if outside the UK), as explained below, will appear on the statement of persons nominated, notice of poll and the ballot papers.

Statement: I require my home address not to be made public				
The relevant area my home	Southmarsh			
address is situated in:	(insert name of relevant area) ¹			
OR				
My home address is situated outside the UK. My home address is situated in:	(insert name of country)			
Signature of candidate (only required where Part 2 above has been completed)				
Candidate's signature:	95mith			
Date:	31 March 2022			

Deliver both Parts 1 and 2 with the nomination paper to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations

For home addresses in England:

- if the address is within a district for which there is a district council, that district;
- if the address is within a county in which there are no districts with councils, that county;
- if the address is within a London borough, that London borough;
- if the address is within the City of London (including the Inner and Middle Temples),
 the City of London; and
- if the address is within the Isles of Scilly, the Isles of Scilly

For home addresses in Wales:

- if the address is within a county, that county;
- if the address is within a county borough, that county borough

For home addresses in Scotland:

- the local government area in which the address is situated
- For home addresses in Northern Ireland:
 - the local government district in which the address is situated

Note: The relevant area should be given in the format described above and is not the ward or parish, nor should the local authority name be given in full

the name of the "relevant area" in which your home address is situated (if your home address is in the UK)



1c – Candidate's consent to nomination							Office u	use only
Local	Local government elections in England					Time recei	ved Initials	No
through a	*You must declare that you meet at least one of the listed qualification(s) below. To do this, strike through any that do not apply. Any qualification(s) that apply must match the information given o your home address form.							
Date of e	lection:			5 May 2022				
I (name i	n full):			Joseph Smith				
hereby co candidate the:	onsent to e for elect	my nomition as co	ination as a ouncillor for		Cle	arvale	*eli division	ectoral / ward
of the *ce	unt y/dist	rict/Lond	on boroug h of:		Southm	arsh		
election, qualifying	I declare that on the day of my nomination, I am qualified and that, if there is a poll on the day of election, I will be qualified to be so elected by virtue of being on that day or those days a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of a Member State of the European Union, who has attained the age of 18 years and that:							
*a. I a	m registe	red as a		ent elector for the ph named above;		e *county/	district/Lond	not
*b. I h				onths preceding t er premises in th				1 as
	*c. my p			work during thos ndon borough na			en in the	
*d I have during the whole of those 12 months resided in the *county/district or London borough named above.								
I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am not disqualified for being elected by reason of any disqualification set out in, or decision made under, section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 (copies of which are printed overleaf), and I do not hold a politically restricted post, within the meaning of Part 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, under a local authority, within the meaning of that Part.								
Date of birth: Signature: Date of consent:								
23	23 04 1990 <i>Y.Smith</i> 18 March 2022							
Witness:	l confirm	the abov	e-mentioned ca	andidate signed t	the declara	tion in my	presence.	
Witness (name in	full):	Sidney Jacks	on Brown				
Witness's signature: \$7 Brown								



2 – Certificate of authorisation	Office use onl			use only
Local government elections in England	Date received	Time received	Initials	No

To accompany the nomination of a candidate standing on behalf of a registered political party. (Note: candidates standing on behalf of two or more parties require a certificate from each party and each must allow the same registered joint description to be used).

This certificate must be issued by the registered Nominating Officer of the party or by a person authorised to sign on their behalf.

This certificate authorises the candidate to use a specific registered description or the name of the party as registered with the Electoral Commission, or to use 'any registered description or the party name as registered with the Electoral Commission'.

This authorised party name or description can then be included by the candidate on the nomination form. It is this which will appear as their description on the ballot paper. Party names and registered descriptions are listed on the Electoral Commission's website (http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk).

Details of candid	Details of candidate to be authorised and the allowed description/party name						
Ward/ <u>division</u> name:	Clearvale			Date of election:	5 May 2022		
The candidate (name in full):			Joseph Smit	h			
Name of political part		Gold party Political party registered with the Electoral Commission					
I hereby certify that the candidate may include the following registered description or party name in their nomination form:			party candida	ite			
			u are not the pa party's registere		ed nominating officer officer		
Signature of party's registered Nominating Officer (or person authorised by the registered Nominating Officer):			H Robertson				
Name of person signing this form:			Hugh Robertson				
Date:		31 March 202	?2				

This form must be delivered to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations.



3 – Request for a party emblem	Office use on			use only
Local government elections in England	Date received	Time received	Initials	No

This form is for a candidate of a political party who is subject to a certificate of authorisation and who wishes to have a party emblem printed on the ballot paper next to their name.

Party emblems are listed on the Electoral Commission's website (http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk).

This form must be signed by the candidate.

Candidate's requ	est for	use of an emblem					
Ward/ divisio n name:	Cleary	vale	Date of	5 May 2022			
			election:				
Candidate name in full:	Josep	Joseph Smith					
I request that the ba	allot pape	er shall contain, agains	st my name, the fo	ollowing registered			
emblem (please i	dentify w	hich emblem if the par	rty has registered	more than one):			
Emblem to be used		Gold medal - England version (ID 999)					
(Please use name or description as on the	lectoral						
Commission's website							
Candidate's signature:							
Date:		31 March 2022					

This form is only effective if delivered for a candidate standing on behalf of a political party to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations.

Candidates standing on behalf of more than one political party and using a joint description may choose one emblem from one of the parties that you are standing for. Please indicate the name of the party and the emblem name in the 'Emblem to be used' box above.



4 - Notification of an election agent			Office us	e only
Local government elections		Time received	Initials	No
Ward/division name	Clearvale			
Date of election:	5 May 2022			

Candidate's notification of their e	Candidate's notification of their election agent				
I, (Candidate name in full):	Joseph Smith				
Hereby declare that the name and address of my election agent is:					
Agent's name:	Emma White				
Agent's address (in full):	10 Marine Road, Whitecoast, W12 3AB				
The office address of my election agent to which all claims, notices, legal process and the other documents may be sent is:					
Agent's office address (in full):	Gold Party Office, 8 Main Street, Northfold, 599 3XY				
Candidate's signature (or of person authorised to act on behalf of candidate):	9.Smith				
Date:	31 March 2022				
Confirmation of acceptance by	election agent				
candidate.	tance as the election agent for the above named es according to law. I understand that there are ng to law.				
Agent's signature:	EE White				
Date:	31 March 2022				

Agent's other details in case of query (optional – will not be published)				
Home telephone:	01742 555555			
Work telephone:	01742 444444			
Mobile telephone:	09777 444444			
Email address:	3bwh1te5544@goldpartymail.co.uk			

Return to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations.