

**Regulation 5 to the Elections (Local Authorities)  
Regulations 2022  
PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS  
NOTICE OF ELECTION**

An election is to be held for two members of Port St Mary Commissioners listed below.

Nomination papers may be obtained from the **Crown and Elections Unit, Cabinet Office, Third Floor, Government Office, Bucks Road, Douglas**; or can be downloaded from the Cabinet Office website at [www.gov.im/local-authority-elections](http://www.gov.im/local-authority-elections).

To become nominated as a candidate in the Port St Mary Commissioners election, candidates must submit a completed Nomination Paper and a Declaration of Relevant Interests form to the Deputy Returning Officer for the local authority between 10.00 on **13 March 2024** and 13.00 on **20 March 2024** at a time and place to be agreed with the Deputy Returning Officer. The nomination process is described in the Guidance for Candidates published in the 'Candidate' section at [www.gov.im/local-authority-elections](http://www.gov.im/local-authority-elections).

Copies of the Nomination Form and the Declaration of Relevant Interests are available to download from the 'candidate' section at [www.gov.im/local-authority-elections](http://www.gov.im/local-authority-elections).

Local Authority	Name and Address of Deputy Returning Officer
Port St Mary Commissioners	Mrs Hayley Kinvig, Town Hall, The Promenade Port St Mary, IM9 5DA

In the event of a contested election, polling will take place on:

**18 April 2024**

Candidates may obtain one copy of the register of electors of the local authority for which they are standing, from the **Local Authority** free of charge upon registering with the Information Commissioner.

Copies of the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020 and the Elections (Local Authorities) Regulations 2021 are available from the **Tynwald Library, Legislative Buildings, Douglas**; or they can be downloaded from the Cabinet Office website at [www.gov.im/local-authority-elections](http://www.gov.im/local-authority-elections)

**POSTAL VOTERS**

The Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020 provides that a person who is or will be entitled to vote at an election may apply to the Deputy Returning Officer of their constituency to vote by post.

Applications to be treated as a postal voter must be made on an Application for a Postal Vote form, which must be submitted to the relevant Deputy Returning Officer:

- If the postal ballot paper is to be marked within the Isle of Man – not later than **10 April 2024**;
- If the postal ballot paper is to be marked within the British Isles, but outside the Isle of Man – not later than **04 April 2024**;
- If the postal ballot paper is to be marked overseas (outside the Isle of Man and the British Isles) – not later than **26 March 2024**.

Application forms are available from the **Crown and Elections Unit, Cabinet Office, Third Floor, Government Office, Bucks Road, Douglas**; or can be downloaded from the Cabinet Office website at [www.gov.im/local-authority-elections](http://www.gov.im/local-authority-elections).

**PROXY VOTES**

A person entitled to vote at the election but who cannot do so in person at a polling station or by casting an advance vote by post, can appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf. Anyone who wishes a proxy to be appointed to vote for him or her must apply to the **Electoral Registration Officer, Cabinet Office, Third Floor, Government Office, Bucks Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 3PN** on an Application for the Appointment of a Proxy form not later than **5pm on 17 April 2024**.

The Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020 provides that, on an application by an elector, the Electoral Registration Officer may appoint a proxy to vote for the elector, if he or she is satisfied that the elector cannot cast his or her vote at a polling station or in advance by post, and that the person to be appointed proxy is not disqualified and is capable of being and willing to be appointed.

A person is disqualified for appointment as a proxy if he or she –

- (a) has not attained the age of 16 years, or
- (b) is subject to any incapacity to vote at an election.

A person may not be appointed proxy to vote on behalf of more than two electors in any constituency unless that person is the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of each of those electors.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Section 93 of the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020 provides:

- (2) Each of the following persons perpetrates a corrupt practice –
  - a) a person who commits, or aids, abets, counsels or procures the commission of, personation;
  - b) A person who perpetrates bribery;
  - c) A person who exerts undue influence on any person in connection with an election.

Such offences being described in more detail in sections 93 to 96 of the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020.

Section 102 (2) provides that:

A person who engages in a corrupt practice commits an offence and is liable, –

- (a) on conviction on information, –
  - (i) in the case of personation or aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of personation, to custody for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine, or to both; or
  - (ii) in any other case, to custody for a term not exceeding one year or to a fine, or to both; or
- (b) on summary conviction (including conviction under section 125 by the High Court), to custody for a term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both.
- (3) A person who engages in an illegal practice (other than an illegal payment or hiring) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction (including conviction under section 125 by the High Court) to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

By Order Chief Executive (Isle of Man Government)

## **Port St Mary By-Election Schedule 2024**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>Activity/Deadline</b>	<b>Day No:</b>
Thursday	07 March 2024	Deputy Returning Officer issues Notice of Election to the Cabinet Office  Deputy Returning Officer publishes Notice of Election in press (Independent)  The Deputy Returning officer should also arrange for the Notice of Election to be displayed on an appropriate website in an appropriate manner and may also be published by placard posted up in some public and conspicuous situation in the electoral area to which the notice refers.	0
Friday	08 March 2024		1
Saturday	09 March 2024		2
Sunday	10 March 2024		3
Monday	11 March 2024		4
Tuesday	12 March 2024		5
Wednesday	13 March 2024	First day for receipt of nomination papers (from 10am)	6
Thursday	14 March 2024		7
Friday	15 March 2024		8
Saturday	16 March 2024		9
Sunday	17 March 2024		10
Monday	18 March 2024		11
Tuesday	19 March 2024		12
Wednesday	20 March 2024	Last day for receipt of nomination papers "Nomination Day" (until 1pm).  Objection period 1pm -2pm	13
Thursday	21 March 2024	Suggested date for arranging ballot print	14
Friday	22 March 2024		15
Saturday	23 March 2024		16
Sunday	24 March 2024		17
Monday	25 March 2024		18
Tuesday	26 March 2024	Publish Notice of Poll  Last date for receipt of postal voting applications from overseas electors	19
Wednesday	27 March 2024	Last day for issue of postal voting ballot packs by Deputy Returning Officer to overseas electors	20
Thursday	28 March 2024	Final opportunity to register to vote in the by-election	21
Friday	29 March 2024		22
Saturday	30 March 2024		23
Sunday	31 March 2024		24
Monday	01 April 2024		25
Tuesday	02 April 2024		26
Wednesday	03 April 2024		27
Thursday	04 April 2024	Last day for receipt of postal voting applications from electors within the British Isles (but outside the IOM)	28

Friday	05 April 2024	Last day for issue of postal ballot packs by Deputy Returning Officer to applicants within the British Isles (but outside the IOM)	29
Saturday	06 April 2024		30
Sunday	07 April 2024		31
Monday	08 April 2024		32
Tuesday	09 April 2024		33
Wednesday	10 April 2024	Last day for receipt of postal voting applications from electors within the Isle of Man	34
Thursday	11 April 2024	Publication of the "seven day" register which details any changes to the Local Authorities electoral register.  Last day for issue of postal ballot packs by the Deputy Returning Officer to applicants within the Isle of Man	35
Friday	12 April 2024		36
Saturday	13 April 2024		37
Sunday	14 April 2024		38
Monday	15 April 2024	Last day for notification to Deputy Returning Officer as polling/counting agents	39
Tuesday	16 April 2024		40
Wednesday	17 April 2024	Last day (5pm) for receipt of completed postal voting ballot packs (any postal ballot packs not mailed in, can be hand-delivered at the polling station by 8pm on election Day)  Last day (5pm) for receipt of Proxy applications/revocations  Electoral Registration Officer to issue a copy of the list of proxies to the Deputy Returning Officer by 6pm	41
Thursday	18 April 2024	ELECTION – Polling Day – 8.00am to 8.00pm	42