

MEDIA RELEASE — DORSET COUNCIL BY-ELECTION

Dates announced for Dorset Council by-elections

By-elections, conducted by postal ballot, are to be held to fill vacancies for mayor and one councillor following the death of Mayor Barry Jarvis on 3 June 2015

Under section 308 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a vacancy in the office of mayor is to be filled by a by-election. An associated councillor vacancy is to be filled by a by-election held concurrently with the mayoral by-election.

The notice of election will appear in the Examiner newspaper on Saturday 20 June. Rolls will close at 6pm Thursday 25 June.

Nominations must be received by the returning officer no later than 12 noon Tuesday 7 July.

Postal ballot packs will be delivered to voters in the week of Tuesday 14 July. Ballot papers must be returned by 10 am Tuesday 28 July to be included in the count.

The full election calendar is:

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| Nominations open | 9 am Monday 22 June 2015 |
| Enrolment closes | 6 pm Thursday 25 June 2015 |
| Nominations close | 12 noon Tuesday 7 July 2015 |
| Nominations announced | 12 noon Wednesday 8 July 2015 |
| Ballot material delivered to electors by post (if required) | 14 – 17 July 2015 |
| Close of poll | 10am Tuesday 28 July 2015 |

ENDS — 12.15 pm Wednesday 17 June 2015

For further information — Julian Type ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER
Andrew Hawkey DEPUTY ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER