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Parish council elections in England    You are in the section Home    Guidance and resources that you need if you are a candidate at a parish council election in England Click here for guidance for standing in other elections The Local Government Disqualification Act 2022 came into effect on 28 June 2022. The Act disqualifies individuals subject to certain sexual offence legal orders from standing for election or holding office in local authorities. We have updated Part 1 of our guidance for Candidates and Agents to reflect this. Secondary legislation has also been made to amend the relevant consent to nomination forms and this came into force on 29 June 2022. We have updated the consent to nomination forms available below to reflect this. For instructions on how to use this guidance and who does what at these elections read the overview below. Candidate guide overview - parish elections in England (PDF) We have produced a timetable with all of the relevant deadlines for the 4 May 2023 elections which can be viewed here: Election timetable for scheduled local government elections in England 2023 For any unscheduled elections please refer to the timetable below. Local government elections in England and Wales timetable

Notional spending update Elections Act Under the Elections Act 2022, there has been a change in the definition of 'use on behalf a candidate' in notional spending. The change came into force on 24 November 2022. For more details, please see Understanding changes to the spending rules .

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