**Cornwall Council is committed to delivering safe elections in May 2021**.
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On Thursday May 6, elections are due to be held for Cornwall Council, numerous Town and Parish Councils, and the Devon and Cornwall Police Crime Commissioner.

Cornwall Council is putting arrangements in place to ensure polling stations are safe places to vote. Voters can expect many of the measures they've become used to over recent months, such as the use of hand sanitiser, floor markings and face coverings.

Residents can also vote by post or by nominating another individual to vote for them.

To vote in these elections, anyone who is not registered or has recently moved must have registered by midnight on **Monday 19th April 2021**. People must re-register if they've changed address, name or nationality.

If you are already registered, you do not need to apply again unless your circumstances have recently changed.

Further information about registering to vote can be found on the Electoral Commission website you may also wish to view the Polling Station Accessibility arrangements.

Any decision to postpone the polls would be for the UK Government to make and be subject to parliamentary approval.

**Why should I register to vote**
If you don't register:

• you cannot vote;
• you cannot nominate a candidate;
• you do not get a say on who represents you;
• you do not have a say on important issues that affect you.

Further information can be found at https://www.yourvotematters.co.uk/.

**Who can register to vote**

You can register to vote if you are 17 years old (and in some cases if you are 16) but you can only vote when you become 18.

You qualify to register to vote if you are:
• a British citizen
• an EU citizen resident in the UK
• a qualifying Commonwealth citizen resident in the UK

A qualifying Commonwealth citizen is someone who has leave to enter or remain in the UK, or does not require such leave.

Further information can be found at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/register-vote-and-update-your-details.