

Data Protection Privacy Notice

Service: Electoral Services
Team: Elections
Processing activity: Administration of elections

The Data Controller

Mark Williams, Returning Officer
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Contactable by emailing csc@eastdevon.gov.uk or by calling 01404 515616.

The Data Controller's Representative

Jill Humphreys, Electoral Services Manager
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The Data Protection Officer

Henry Gordon Lennox
Contactable by emailing dataprotection@eastdevon.gov.uk or by calling 01395 517401.

Obtaining your personal information

In most cases you will have provided us with your personal data. However we may have been provided with your personal information by an election agent or someone acting on your behalf. In this case the personal information we have obtained may include your name, address, contract details (including email address and phone numbers), signature and date of birth.

Use of your personal information

We are using your personal information for the purpose of running elections, referendums and polls on the basis of a legal obligation and public task under the Registration of People Act 1983, Local Government Act 1972 and related legislation.

Your personal information will be used by EDDC to administer the election process (including receiving / processing nomination of candidates and registration of election agents and counting agents and publishing notices of elections and use of secrecy forms at a count) and generally carrying out our obligations in respect of requests for and the calling and running of elections, referenda and polls and to communicate with you in relation to the process.

Where our use of your information includes using particularly sensitive information, namely your political views this will only be used on the basis of your consent.

Depending on our legal obligations, some or all of your personal information which you have given us will be accessible to the public including through the publication of election notices on the Council's website and on parish noticeboards/websites or where it is requested and permitted by the legislation.

Who will receive or see my personal information?

Your personal information will be available to be seen by those within the relevant service and within support services (such as the Legal Team) where necessary to carry out the purpose.

Your information may be processed by external printers acting on the Returning Officer's behalf.

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We may also share information with our corporate safety officer when our staff safety is viewed as being at risk. Information may also be shared with partner agencies during safeguarding investigations and for fraud identification and prevention.

Your personal information will be stored securely within our IT system and will not be accessible to anyone else, including other services within the Council, unless detailed above.

Retention

All your personal information will be held by us only for as long as is necessary and then in accordance with any legal requirements imposed upon us and the Council's retention schedule. For more information please go to our website to view our [Retention schedule](#)

Transferring personal information outside of the EU

Your personal information will not be transferred outside the EU or to any international organisations by the Council. It should be noted that the Council has no control over those accessing its online public registers nor what someone does with any information they obtain from them.

Your rights

Whatever our use of your personal information you have the right of access to that personal information (this means confirmation that we are using your personal information, access to it as well as other detail) and the right to seek rectification if the information is inaccurate.

Because we are using your information on the basis of legal obligation and public task then you also have the following rights in respect of how we use your personal information;

Legal obligation – you have the right to restrict processing.

Public task – the right to object and right to restrict processing.

Also, if you object to our use of your personal information and there is no overriding legitimate interest for us to continue using it or we have used your personal information unlawfully or it is no longer necessary for us to have the personal information, the right to erasure is also available to you.

Details on each of these rights and to how you exercise can be found on our website in the [Your Rights](#) pages.

Complaints

If you are dissatisfied with the way the Council has used your personal information then you may wish in the first instance to make a complaint to the Data Protection Officer. This can be done by;

Writing to: Data Protection Officer, Information and Complaints, East Devon District Council, Blackdown House, Border Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, EX14 1EJ.

You can also email: dataprotection@eastdevon.gov.uk or call 01395 517417.

Alternatively, or if you remain dissatisfied following your complaint to the Data Protection Officer, you may lodge a complaint with The Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner is the UK's independent body set up to uphold information rights. The ICO can help and advise you on all matters relating to data protection.

Email: casework@ico.org.uk

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 if you prefer to use a national rate number

Information Commissioner's Office
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Water Lane
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