**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

**MEDWAY COUNCIL**

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| **Ward** | **No. of Councillors to be elected** |
| **Strood Rural** | **3** |

1. Nomination papers are to be delivered to the Deputy Returning Officer, Jane Ringham, in the Electoral Services team, level 3, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, ME4 4TR between 9am and 6pm on any day after the date of this notice, (excluding bank holidays and weekends) but not later than **4pm on Tuesday 4 April 2023.**
2. Nomination papers may be obtained from the Electoral Services team, level 3, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham (01634 332864) or from the Council’s website (www.medway.gov.uk). The Returning Officer, or his staff will, at the request of any elector, prepare a nomination paper for signature.
3. If the election is contested, the poll will take place on **Thursday 4 May 2023.**
4. Voters will have to show photo ID to vote in the elections on 4 May. If you do not have one of the acceptable forms of photo ID you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate from this website - [www.gov.uk/votingphotoid](http://www.gov.uk/votingphotoid)
5. Please note the following provisions in respect of registration and absent voting applications, all of which must be addressed to the Electoral Registration Officer at Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, ME4 4TR:

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| **Application** | **Statutory deadline for receipt** |
| New applications to register to vote | Monday 17 April 2023 |
| New applications for a postal vote and to amend or cancel existing postal or proxy vote arrangements | 5pm on Tuesday 18 April 2023 |
| New applications for a Voter Authority Certificate | Tuesday 25 April 2023 |
| New applications to vote by proxy | 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023 |
| New applications to vote by emergency proxy on the grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons, which must have occurred after 5pm on 25 April 2023 | 5pm on Thursday 4 May 2023 |

**NEIL DAVIES**

**Returning Officer**

**27 March 2023**

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