

The Local Authorities (Referendums)(Petitions)(England) Regulations 2011

Notice is hereby given that each of the authorities mentioned below has published a notice containing the number that is equal to 5% of the number of local government electors for its respective council area, in the register having effect on the 15 February 2026.

Local Authority	Total local government electorate for each area	5% of electorate (the verification number)
Hampshire County Council	1,070,341	53,543
Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	140,059	7,003
East Hampshire District Council	95,167	4,758
Eastleigh Borough Council	105,706	5,285
Fareham Borough Council	89,814	4,491
Gosport Borough Council	62,062	3,103
Hart District Council	75,200	3,760
Havant Borough Council	95,841	4,760
New Forest District Council	139,123	7,015
Portsmouth City Council	148,734	7,437
Rushmoor Borough Council	67,561	3,378
Southampton City Council	160,880	8,044
Test Valley Borough Council	100,900	5,045
Winchester City Council	98,908	4,945

The verification numbers set out above will have effect for the purposes of determining the validity of petitions presented in the period of 12 months beginning with the 1 April 2026 seeking the holding of a referendum on the question of whether the authority should change its governance arrangements.

In accordance with the regulations this information must be published annually. Where the number published in any year is less than the number published in the preceding year, the number to be used for verification purposes, in relation to any petition submitted to the respective authority in the period beginning on the date of publication of the lesser number and ending immediately before 1 April 2026, shall be the lesser number.

Dated this 16th day of February 2026

This joint notice is issued in accordance with Regulation 5 of the above Regulations by the Proper Officers of –

Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester SO23 8UJ

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH

East Hampshire District Council, Penns Place, Petersfield, Hants, GU31 4EX

Eastleigh Borough Council, Eastleigh House, Upper Market Street, Eastleigh, SO50 9YN

Fareham Borough Council, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham, PO16 7PU

Gosport Borough Council, Town Hall, High Street, Gosport, PO12 1EB
Hart District Council, Civic Offices, Harlington Way, Fleet, Hants, GU51 4AE
Havant Borough Council, Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant, PO9 2AX
New Forest District Council, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, SO43 7PA
Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth PO1 2AL
Rushmoor Borough Council, Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough, GU14 7JU
Southampton City Council, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY
Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3AJ
Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ