

Electoral Registration and Data Protection information

Electoral register

The register of electors is the list of everyone who is registered to vote. The register is set out in property order, not by name. It is published on 1 December and updated monthly between December and September. You must be on the register to vote in Local and Parliamentary elections and referendums. You are not automatically registered even if you pay Council Tax and if you have moved home you need to fill in a registration form.

Data Protection

Personal data you supply to the Electoral Registration office may be used only in accordance with the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001, Wokingham Borough Council's Data Protection Policy under the Data Protection Act 1998, and in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Personal data held on the electoral registration database may only be supplied or sold as provided by sections 94 to 114 of the 2001 Regulations and only for the purposes specified in those Regulations. It may therefore be supplied to Wokingham Borough Council and other local authorities, including public libraries and archive services; to elected representatives, candidates and political parties for electoral purposes; to the police and other specified agencies for the purposes of crime prevention, detection and enforcement and national security; and sold to credit reference agencies. As part of the maintenance of the electoral register, the council may also disclose personal information held on it to third party contractors who the Council may employ from time-to-time to deliver aspects of the Council Tax or Electoral Registration services.

Wokingham Borough Council will not disclose any personal information held on its Electoral Registration database to any other third parties, except where required or allowed by law. Telephone numbers are not held on the register and are never disclosed.

Any enquiries relating to Data Protection should be addressed to:

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