

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS NORTH WEST

Regional Elections 2026: Timetable

Agreed by the Regional Executive on 5 September 2026

Elections will be held for the Officers and Ordinary Members of the Regional Executive and for the elected members of the Candidates' Committee, following the Annual General Meeting to be held online on Saturday 24 October 2026. The timetable below is published under regulation 6 of the North West Region Election Regulations.

Timetable

Date	Step
Friday 2 October 2026	Notice convening the Annual General Meeting is given and nominations open. The notice explains how to be nominated and how to request a postal ballot.
Saturday 24 October 2026	Annual General Meeting, held online. Nominations close at the end of the meeting. Members eligible to vote are those in membership on this date.
5.00 pm Wednesday 28 October 2026	Closing date for candidates to submit their personal election address and any answers to the Returning Officer's questions.
5.00 pm Friday 30 October 2026	Closing date to request a postal ballot.
9.00 am Monday 2 November 2026	Voting opens. Candidates' election addresses can be read within the ballot. Postal ballots are sent out.
Tuesday 3 November 2026	The Returning Officer sends each candidate's statement of up to 250 words to members eligible to vote.
12 noon Monday 16 November 2026	Voting closes. Postal ballots must be received by this time.
Monday 16 November 2026	The count takes place and the results are declared.
Monday 23 November 2026	Closing date for any complaint about the conduct of the elections.
Friday 1 January 2027	Those elected take office for a term of two years, to 31 December 2028.

What is being elected

Every member of the Region may vote for the Officers and for the eight Ordinary Members elected by the Region as a whole. The other places on the Regional Executive are elected by County, and members vote only in the County in which they are registered. The places allocated to each County are:

County	Places
Cheshire	4
Cumbria	4
Greater Manchester	8
Lancashire	4
Merseyside	4

The allocation is made under Article 4.4 of the Regional Constitution by reference to the number of members registered as resident in each County as at 29 August 2026.

Four elected places on the Candidates' Committee are also filled at these elections, and every member of the Region may vote for them.

Taking part

Any member of the Liberal Democrats in the Region whose membership is valid at the date of nomination may stand, subject to the eligibility rules in the Election Regulations. A nomination needs two other members of the Region and the candidate's written consent, and may be submitted by email.

A member employed by the Party at any level, or by an Affiliated Organisation of the Party, may not stand for election as President, Chair of the Regional Party, a Vice-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer. Such a member may stand for any of the other places. The full eligibility rules are in regulation 9 of the Election Regulations.

Voting is electronic. A member who cannot vote electronically may ask the Returning Officer for a postal ballot by the date shown above.

The Regional Constitution and the Election Regulations, together with the Returning Officer's guidance for candidates and voters, are published on the Region's website.