

Appendix B. A guide to the key milestones

2021	
5 July 2021	First reading of the Elections Bill in the House of Commons
2022	
18 January 2022	Launch of first Business Change Network Event
February - March 2022	Roundtables with Civil Society Organisations
	Passage of the Elections Bill through the House of Lords
28 April 2022	Royal Assent of the Elections Act 2022
5 May 2022	Local elections in England, Scotland and Wales and Assembly election in Northern Ireland
From July 2022	Secondary Legislation in Parliament
November 2022	Political Finance statutory instruments made – changes will apply to polls from May 23 onwards
	First Past the Post statutory instruments made – changes will apply to relevant polls from 4 May 23 onwards
December 2022	Accessibility statutory instruments made – changes will apply to polls from May 23 onwards
	Notional Expenditure statutory instruments made – changes will apply to polls from May 23 onwards
2023	
January 2023	Electoral Commission Strategy and Policy Statement (SPS) laid before Parliament
	Voter Identification statutory instruments made – voter identification will be required in polling stations for polls held from May 23 onwards
	Go Live of application service for Voter Authority Certificates
By 4 May 2023	First Past the Post voting system introduced for any Mayoral elections in England and Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections in England and Wales held on or after 4 May 2023

	(including by-elections)
4 May 2023	Local elections in England (including Local Authority Mayoral), and other applicable elections including local elections in Northern Ireland
June 2023	EU citizens' Voting and Candidacy Rights (EUVCR) changes take effect
	EC Strategy and Policy Statement takes effect
July 2023	Postal Voting rule changes statutory instruments made and changes take effect
	Proxy Voting rule changes statutory instruments made and changes take effect
	Overseas Electors statutory instruments made and changes take effect
	Online absent vote applications statutory instruments made and take effect
	Online Absent Vote Applications Service Go Live
Autumn 2023 (date TBC)	Postal Vote Handling rules statutory instruments made and changes take effect
	Absent Vote Secrecy rules statutory instruments made and changes take effect
November 2023	Clarification of Undue Influence statutory instruments made and changes take effect
	Intimidation: new electoral sanction statutory instruments made and sanction takes effect
	Digital imprints statutory instruments made and new regime takes effect
December 2023	EUVCR - Final removal of ineligible EU nationals on publication of Revised Register
2024	
2 May 2024	Local elections in England and Wales (including PCC elections, Mayoral and Combined Authority Mayoral, Greater London Authority, and other applicable elections)