

## European Parliamentary elections – Thursday 22 May 2014

European parliamentary elections are held every five years, normally in June. The election dates are set by the European Parliament.

The next election will be held on Thursday 22 May 2014. The election will be combined with a Mayoral Referendum in Copeland.

At a European election, electors vote for a political party instead of voting for an individual candidate. The number of seats that a party gets depends on the share of the vote that it receives in each region.

The full list of candidates for is published on this website.

The UK is divided into 12 regions. Copeland Borough Council is in the North West Region, which is represented by [eight MEPs](#).

To find out more about European Elections in the North West, visit the [North West Voters website](#).

The last European election was on Thursday 4 June 2009.

### Information for voters

Citizens of the UK, Republic of Ireland, Cyprus and Malta are eligible to vote in all UK and European Parliamentary Elections. If you are a citizen of one of the other European Union countries, you can register to vote in the UK at the European Parliamentary Election rather than in your home country.

To be eligible to vote in the next European Parliamentary Election, you must be on the electoral register. The deadline to register to vote at the election is **Tuesday 6 May 2014**. You can download a voter registration form from [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

Every voter has the option to either cast their vote in person at a polling station between 7am and 10pm on Thursday 22 May or alternatively to vote by post or proxy, that is appointing someone to vote on your behalf.

The deadline to apply to vote by post at this election is **5pm on Wednesday 7 May 2014**.

The deadline to vote by proxy at this election is **5pm on Wednesday 14 May 2014**.

If you are unable to get to your polling station to vote by reason of a medical emergency or by reason of service, occupation or employment and you only became aware of this after the deadline for applying to vote by proxy, you can apply to appoint an emergency proxy to vote on your behalf. You can apply for an emergency proxy up to 5pm on polling day.

You can download application forms from [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

## **Notices**

**Notice of Election – insert link to notice**

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**Notice of Situation of Polling Stations – insert link to notice**