

Lewes District Council

Number of signatures required on a petition for a referendum on whether the District should change its governance arrangements

Local Government Act 2000 The Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions) (England) Regulations 2011 Publication of Verification Number

In accordance with Regulation 4(1) of the above regulations, the District Council is required to publish the number of signatures which would be needed to support a valid petition requiring the Council to hold a referendum on whether or not the District should start to operate the mayor and cabinet executive or committee system.

The minimum number of signatures (that is equal to 5% of the number of local government electors shown in the revised register of electors having effect on the 15 February 2026) is:

3924

This figure will have effect for the purposes of determining the validity of Petitions presented from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.

The above number will apply to any petition submitted to the District Council before 1 April 2027. However, a new number will be published in February 2027 and if the new number is less than **3924**, then the new number will apply from the date it is published.

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