



UK Council Seat Elections Processes

FAQS

This note outlines what is involved in standing for a seat on UK Council, the board and trade union executive of the SoR. UK Council sets the strategic direction of the SoR and leads the profession. UK Council members are elected trade union officials and SoR company directors. We welcome nominations from across the radiotherapy and imaging professions and encourage a diverse selection of members to stand.

1. Which seats on UK Council are up for election in spring 2026?

- Midlands
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- South West

2. Who can stand?

- A full member of the SoR within that region/nation who is in good standing and whose membership is up to date.

3. How long is the term of office on UK Council?

- The initial three-year term of office is from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029.
- Another two terms of three years may be served if re-elected each time.

4. What does being a UK Council Member involve?

- Attending seven meetings a year, some hybrid in London, some online.
- Attending several training days.
- Reading and commenting on papers between meetings.
- The full role is set out in the UK Council Member role profile.

5. How does the nominations process work?

- Eligible members may nominate themselves via the online nomination form.

- A link to the form will be sent by email on **18 February** to eligible members in each country and region.
- Candidates provide their details on the nomination form, submitting a short elections statement and providing the details of four full members in their region or country ('supporters') to endorse their nomination.
- Candidate and supporter checks take place and the candidate is then confirmed as eligible to go forward in the election.
- Nominations close on **13 March at midday**.

6. How do the postal ballots work?

- Where there is only one confirmed nomination, that candidate will be elected uncontested.
- Where there are two or more confirmed nominations, a postal ballot will take place.
- Ballots open on **14 April and close 13 May at midday**.
- Eligible members in that region/country will be posted a secret ballot paper containing the election statement/photograph of each candidate.
- The marked ballot papers will be returned by post in a pre-paid envelope.
- The ballots are being conducted by our Independent Scrutineer [Civica Election Services](#)
- CEO Richard Evans OBE is acting as Returning Officer.

What happens after that?

- The first meeting a newly elected Council member will attend will be 1 July 2026 in Cambridge.
- A full induction to the role is provided.

If you have any questions

- If you would like more information about the elections process please contact Governance manager Zoe Willenbrock zoew@sor.org