

# Notice of By-Election Midlothian Council Election of Councillor



A by-election is to be held to elect one councillor for Ward 5 - Midlothian East on Thursday 25 March 2021.

## Nominations

Nomination forms can be obtained from the **\*\*Election Office, Midlothian House, 40-46 Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, EH22 1DN** (and from [the Council website](#)). This office is only open for the issue and delivery of nomination papers on weekdays from 10am to 4pm.

*(\*\*Please note that due to the current 'Covid-19' restrictions we are running an appointments process as the Reception at Midlothian House is closed. Therefore potential candidates/election agents are required to phone the election office on 0131 271 3365 for an appointment.)*

Completed nomination forms **must** be delivered to the **\*\*Election Office, Midlothian House, 40-46 Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, EH22 1DN** from the day after the date of this Notice and by **4pm on Monday 22 February 2021**.

If more than one valid nomination is received an election will be held and the voting will take place between **7am and 10pm on Thursday 25 March 2021**.

## Electoral Registration, Postal and Proxy Voting

Applications to register to vote **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the Lothian Valuation Joint Board, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL by **Tuesday 9 March 2021 at midnight**. Applications can be made [online](#)

Any elector may apply for a postal or proxy vote at this election - they can do one of the following:

- Apply to vote by post. Completed applications must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Lothian Valuation Joint Board, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL or the Election Office, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, EH22 1DN before **5pm on Wednesday 10 March 2021**. If you are given a postal vote you will not be able to vote in person at this election.

**OR**

- Apply to vote by proxy (this means someone can vote on their behalf). Completed Applications, **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Lothian Valuation Joint Board, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL before **5pm on Wednesday, 17 March 2021**. If you appoint a proxy, you can vote if you wish, but only if your proxy has not already voted on your behalf and has not got a postal ballot for you.

To find out how to apply, call the helpline noted below immediately.

Applications to amend or cancel existing postal or proxy voting arrangements **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Lothian Valuation Joint Board, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL by **5pm on Wednesday 10 March 2021**.

**If after 5pm on Wednesday 17 March 2021 you are unable to vote in person because you:**

- have a **medical emergency**;
- learn you cannot go to the polling place because of work reasons; or
- are following Scottish Government advice or the advice of a registered medical practitioner in relation to coronavirus

you can apply to vote by proxy. Completed applications must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Lothian Valuation Joint Board, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL before **5pm on Thursday 25 March 2021**. To find out how to apply, call the helpline below immediately.

The Returning Officer will put in place appropriate safeguards and precautions to address the risks associated with coronavirus to voters, candidates and their agents.



If you need any help or advice on postal or proxy voting, please contact us.  
**Helpline: 0131 344 2500** or [enquiries@lothian-vjb.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@lothian-vjb.gov.uk)

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Midlothian Council  
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**Tel: 0131 271 3365**  
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[www.midlothian.gov.uk/by-election](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/by-election)

**Dr Grace Vickers  
Returning Officer  
15 February 2021**