

Midlothian Council by-election Thursday 25 March Ward 5 – Midlothian East

By-election timetable

DAY	DATE 2021	EVENT	ELECTION DAYS
Monday	8 February	Publication of monthly alterations to Electoral Register.	-33
Monday	15 February	<p>NOTICE OF ELECTION</p> <p>Commencement of statutory period for formal issue of nomination papers at the Election Office, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, Midlothian, EH22 1DN.</p> <p>Last day for amendments and deletions of parties' existing registered descriptions.</p> <p>Last day to publish Notice of Election</p> <p>Date for determining candidates' limit on election expenses based on electorate on that day.</p>	-28
Tuesday	16 February	Commencement of period for delivery and withdrawal of nomination papers at the Election Office. Delivery can be up until 22 February 2021 between the hours of 10am and 4pm	-27
Wednesday	17 February		-26
Thursday	18 February		-25
Friday	19 February		-24
Saturday	20 February	<i>Dies Non</i>	-
Sunday	21 February	<i>Dies Non</i>	-
Monday	22 February	<p>Last day for Candidates lodging nomination papers - 4 pm.</p> <p>Last day for Candidates withdrawing nomination papers – 4 pm.</p>	-23

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		<p>Last day for candidates lodging Declarations of Appointment of Election Agents (otherwise candidate becomes own Election Agent) – 4 pm.</p> <p>Last day for registering a party with the Electoral Commission – 4 pm</p> <p>Last day for receipt by Returning Officer of Certificate of Authorisation of Description issued by or on behalf of a party's Nominating Officer - 4 pm.</p> <p>Last day for receipt by Returning Officer of request by candidate for the ballot paper to contain a party emblem – 4 pm.</p> <p>Last time for Returning Officer to give decision on validity of nomination – as soon as practicable after delivery of nomination paper and not later than 4pm (or in certain circumstances 24 hours starting after this deadline.)</p> <p>Publication of Notice of Poll and Situation of Polling Places or Notice of Uncontested Election.</p> <p>First Interim Notice of Alterations to Electoral Register.</p>	
Tuesday	23 February	<p>Last time for Returning Officer to give decision on validity of nomination – as soon as practicable after delivery of nomination paper and not later than 4 pm on Tuesday 23 February.</p> <p>First time nomination papers are open to inspection – from 4 pm.</p>	-22
Wednesday	24 February		-21
Thursday	25 February	Publication of monthly alterations to Electoral Register.	-20
Friday	26 February		-19
Saturday	27 February	<i>Dies Non</i>	-
Sunday	28 February	<i>Dies Non</i>	-
Monday	1 March	First issue of Postal Vote Packs	-18
Tuesday	2 March		-17
Wednesday	3 March	Second Interim Notice of Alterations to Electoral Register.	-16
Thursday	4 March		-15
Friday	5 March		-14
Saturday	6 March	<i>Dies Non</i>	-

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Sunday	7 March	<i>Dies Non</i>	-
Monday	8 March		-13
Tuesday	9 March	<p>ELECTORAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE Latest time for receipt (by the Electoral Registration Officer, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL or at Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, EH22 1DN) of applications for inclusion in the Register of Electors – Midnight.</p> <p>Final Interim Notice of Alterations to Electoral Register.</p>	-12
Wednesday	10 March	<p>MAIN POSTAL DEADLINES Latest time for receipt by the Electoral Registration Officer at either the Election Office, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, EH22 1DN or the Lothian Valuation Joint Board, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL, of Absent Vote Applications – 5 pm.</p> <p>Latest time to cancel or alter postal and ‘normal’ proxy votes – 5 pm.</p> <p>Latest time to cancel or alter postal and ‘normal’ proxy votes – 5 pm.</p> <p>Latest time to change from postal to proxy voting – 5 pm.</p> <p>Last day for applications to vote by proxy (without attestation) (not postal proxy) except for medical emergencies or work reasons – 5 pm.</p>	-11
Thursday	11 March		-10
Friday	12 March	2 nd Issue of Postal Vote Packs	-9
Saturday	13 March	<i>Dies Non</i>	-
Sunday	14 March	<i>Dies Non</i>	-
Monday	15 March		-8
Tuesday	16 March		-7
Wednesday	17 March	Last day for applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy) except for medical emergencies or work reasons – 5pm.	-6
Thursday	18 March	Last day for giving written notification to the Returning Officer of appointment of polling and counting agents.	-5
Friday	19 March	First day to issue ballot papers in response to requests to replace lost postal ballot papers.	-4
Saturday	20 March	<i>Dies Non</i>	-

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Sunday	21 March	<i>Dies Non</i>	-
Monday	22 March	<p>Latest time for applying for replacements for lost or spoiled voting papers (other than in person) – 5 pm.</p> <p>Commence processing Postal Votes in Committee Room, Midlothian House – 10.00 am. (Also continues on 23 to 25 March.</p>	-3
Tuesday	23 March		-2
Wednesday	24 March	Last time – close of business - 5 pm - nomination papers are open to inspection.	-1
Thursday	25 March	<p>POLLING DAY</p> <p>Hours of Poll – 7.00 am to 10.00 pm.</p> <p>(Note: Postal Ballot Papers will be accepted at any Polling Station within Ward No 5 – Midlothian East and at the Reception Desk at Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, between 7 am and 10 pm on Polling Day.)</p> <p>Latest time for applying for replacements for lost or spoiled voting papers - 5 pm. (Note: Applications before 5.00 pm must be in person.)</p> <p>Latest time for new applications to vote by proxy on grounds of medical emergency – 5 pm.</p> <p>Latest time to make alterations to the register of electors to correct a clerical error or to implement a court (registration appeal) decision – 9 pm.</p> <p>Briefing Meeting for Candidates and Agents on the Count processes – this will be held by MS Teams at 4pm</p> <p>Receive at Newbattle Community Campus the sealed Ballot Boxes (and the election stationery boxes) from the Polling Stations for secure storage overnight – from 10 pm. An overnight guard will be in position until 9am on the morning of Friday 26 March 2021 (Candidates & Election Agents can monitor this event.)</p>	0
Friday	26 March	<p>VERIFICATION and COUNTING OF BALLOT PAPERS</p> <p>9.00 am Ballot Boxes (including postal ballot boxes) to be removed from secure overnight storage in Newbattle Community Campus and moved to the Count Hall</p>	+1

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		<p>Commencement of the Verification and Count - 10 am at Newbattle Community Campus, Newbattle Road, Easthouses, Dalkeith</p> <p>Declare Result and give Public Notice of Election Result.</p> <p>Give Notice to the Proper Officer of Midlothian Council of elected Councillor.</p> <p>Final opening of Postal Votes at Newbattle Community Campus at 10am</p>	
Friday	16 April	Last date for Election Petition to be presented within 21 days after the day the Poll was held (or 28 days if corrupt practice involving any payment or reward is alleged).	+ 16
Tuesday	11 May	First Midlothian Council Meeting after By-Election – 11 am	
Thursday	13 May	Last day for <u>delivery</u> to Returning Officer of Election Expenses Returns.	+ 35 days after Poll
Monday	24 May	Last day for Candidate to lodge Declaration in respect of Return of Election Expenses.	+ 42 days after Poll

