

# Scottish Parliamentary Election Thursday 6 May 2021

## Midlothian North & Musselburgh Constituency



**NOTE – Items/dates highlighted in BLUE are statutory events.**

### Timetable for Candidates and Election Agents

| DAY             | DATE            | EVENT   | ELECTION DAYS |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|---------------|
| Monday          | 1 March         | Publication of monthly alterations to Electoral Register  | -             |
| Monday          | 15 March        | <p><b>NOTICE OF ELECTION</b></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>   | 35            |
| Tuesday         | 16 March        | <p><b>NOMINATION PERIOD</b></p> <p>Commencement of period for delivery and withdrawal of nomination papers at the Election Office, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, Midlothian, EH22 1DN <b>between the hours of 10.00 am and 4 pm excluding dies non.</b></p> <p>(Candidates - please note the above statutory times for the delivery of nomination papers.)</p> <p>Commence release of Poll Cards - to be completed by Wednesday 17 March 2021</p> | 34            |
| Wednesday       | 17 March        |   | 33            |
| Thursday        | 18 March        |   | 32            |
| Friday          | 19 March        |   | 31            |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>20 March</i> | <i>Dies Non</i>   | -             |
| <i>Sunday</i>   | <i>21 March</i> | <i>Dies Non</i>   | -             |
| Monday          | 22 March        |   | 30            |
| Tuesday         | 23 March        |   | 29            |
| Wednesday       | 24 March        | Date for determining candidates' limit on election expenses based on the electorate on that day.  | 28            |
| Thursday        | 25 March        |   | 27            |
| Friday          | 26 March        |   | 26            |

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|-----------------|-----------------|---|----------------------|
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>27 March</i> | <i>Dies Non</i>   | -                    |
| <i>Sunday</i>   | <i>28 March</i> | <i>Dies Non</i>   | -                    |
| Monday          | 29 March        |   | 25                   |
| Tuesday         | 30 March        |   | 24                   |
| Wednesday       | 31 March        | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS</b></p> <p>Last day for lodging nomination papers – <b>4.00 pm.</b></p> <p>Last day for withdrawal of nomination papers – <b>4.00 pm.</b></p> <p>The making of objections to Nomination papers – not later than <b>5.00 pm</b> – but no objection may be made after 12 noon except to a Nomination Paper delivered within 24 hours of the last time for its delivery (i.e. from 4.00 pm on Tuesday 30 March and not to the sufficiency or nature of the particulars of the candidate unless made at or immediately after the time of delivery of the Nomination Paper.)</p> <p><b>Last day for</b> Candidates withdrawing nomination papers – <b>4.00 pm</b></p> <p><b>Deadline</b> for the notification of <b>Appointment of Election Agents (4.00 pm).</b></p> <p>Publication of first interim election notice of alteration</p> | 23                   |
| Thursday        | 1 April         |   | 22                   |
| Friday          | 2 April         | <i>Dies Non – Good Friday (Bank Holiday – Scotland)</i>   | -                    |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>3 April</i>  | <i>Dies Non</i>   | -                    |
| <i>Sunday</i>   | <i>4 April</i>  | <i>Dies Non</i>   | -                    |
| Monday          | 5 April         | <i>Dies Non – Easter Monday (Bank Holiday - England)</i>  | -                    |
| Tuesday         | 6 April         | <b>5.00 pm</b> - deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes (by Electoral Registration Officer, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL or Election Office, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, EH22 1DN)   | 21                   |
| Wednesday       | 7 April         |   | 20                   |
| Thursday        | 8 April         |   | 19                   |
| Friday          | 9 April         |   | 18                   |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>10 April</i> | <i>Dies Non</i>   | -                    |
| <i>Sunday</i>   | <i>11 April</i> | <i>Dies Non</i>   | -                    |
| Monday          | 12 April        |   | 17                   |
| Tuesday         | 13 April        |   | 16                   |

| DAY             | DATE            | EVENT  | ELECTION DAYS |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|---------------|
| Wednesday       | 14 April        | 1 <sup>st</sup> issue of postal votes  | 15            |
| Thursday        | 15 April        |  | 14            |
| Friday          | 16 April        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> issue of postal votes  | 13            |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>17 April</i> | <i>Dies Non</i>  | -             |
| <i>Sunday</i>   | <i>18 April</i> | <i>Dies Non</i>  | -             |
| Monday          | 19 April        | <b>Midnight</b> - Deadline 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.  | 12            |
| Tuesday         | 20 April        | Deadline for cancelling existing postal or proxy votes   | 11            |
| Wednesday       | 21 April        |  | 10            |
| Thursday        | 22 April        | Commence processing Postal Votes in Council Chambers, Midlothian House – 10.00 am.   | 9             |
| Friday          | 23 April        |  | 8             |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>24 April</i> | <i>Dies Non</i>  | -             |
| <i>Sunday</i>   | <i>25 April</i> | <i>Dies Non</i>  | -             |
| Monday          | 26 April        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> issue of Postal Votes (TBC)  | 7             |
| Tuesday         | 27 April        | <b>5.00 pm</b> - Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)  | 6             |
| Wednesday       | 28 April        | Deadline for notification of appointment of Polling and Count Agents to Constituency Returning Officer<br>Final interim election notice of alteration (FIENNA)   | 5             |
| Thursday        | 29 April        |  | 4             |
| Friday          | 30 April        |  | 3             |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>1 May</i>    | <i>Dies Non</i>  | -             |
| <i>Sunday</i>   | <i>2 May</i>    | <i>Dies Non</i>  | -             |
| Monday          | 3 May           | <i>Dies Non Early May Bank Holiday</i>   | -             |
| Tuesday         | 4 May           | Deadline for Notification of appointment of Election Sub-Agents  | 2             |
| Wednesday       | 5 May           | Dissolution of Scottish Parliament   | 1             |
| Thursday        | 6 May           | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>POLLING DAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hours of Poll – 7.00 am to 10.00 pm.</b></p> <p>(Note: Postal Ballot Papers will be accepted at any Polling Station within the Midlothian North and Musselburgh Constituency and at the Reception Desk at Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, between 7 am and 10 pm on Polling Day.)</p> <p>5pm – Deadline for emergency proxy applications</p> |               |

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|          |        | 9pm – Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal<br>10pm – Last time for re-issue of spoilt postal votes  |               |
| Friday   | 7 May  | <p><b>VERIFICATION and COUNTING OF BALLOT PAPERS</b></p> <p>9.00am Ballot Boxes (including postal ballot boxes) to be removed from secure overnight storage in The Lasswade Centre and moved to the Count Hall</p> <p>Commencement of the Verification and Count – 10 am at The Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg</p> <p>At 5.00pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May the CRO will review the progress of the Count and determine when counting will cease on that day and whether counting will be required on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May.</p> |               |
| Saturday | 8 May  | Commencement of the Verification and Count, if required – 10 am at The Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg   |               |
| Friday   | 9 June | Last day for submission of return and declaration of expenses.<br>(*Dies non rules do not apply.)  | + 35*         |