

NOTICE OF ELECTION



MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

Councillors are to be elected for each of the six wards of the Midlothian Council. The number of Councillors to be elected for each ward is as follows:

Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected
No 1 – Penicuik	Three
No 2 - Bonnyrigg	Three
No 3 - Dalkeith	Three
No 4 - Midlothian West	Three
No 5 - Midlothian East	Three
No 6 - Midlothian South	Three

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

Completed nomination forms **must** be delivered to the Election Office, at the above address, from the day after the date of this Notice and by **4pm on Wednesday 30 March 2022**.

An election will be held in each contested ward and the voting will take place between **7am and 10pm on Thursday 5 May 2022**.

Electoral Registration, Postal or 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 **midnight, Monday 18 April 2022**. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.

Any elector may apply for a postal or proxy vote at this election.

Applications/

Applications for **postal voting, postal proxy voting** and for changes or cancellations of existing postal votes or postal proxy votes **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL **or** Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, Midlothian EH22 1DN by **5.00pm on Tuesday 19 April 2022**.

Applications to vote by **proxy** at this election **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL by **5.00pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022**.

Applications to vote by **emergency proxy** at this election, i.e., made after the 26 April 2022 deadline on the grounds of; disability suffered after that deadline (or, for applicants who suffered a disability before the deadline, their disability meant that they could not reasonably have made an application in time), work/service reasons, following Scottish Government advice or the advice of a medical professional in relation to coronavirus, being detained in a hospital under the civil sections of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 or for Scottish prisoners serving a sentence of 12 months or less, must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer at the address below by **5pm on Thursday 5 May 2022**. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after **5pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022**.

For advice on postal or proxy voting phone 0131 344 2500 or enquiries@lothian-vjb.gov.uk

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Midlothian House
40-46 Buccleuch Street
Dalkeith
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Tel: 0131 271 3255
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Dr Grace Vickers
Returning Officer
14 March 2022

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- I The attention of candidates and electors is drawn to the rules for filling up nomination papers and other provisions relating to nomination contained in Schedule 1 to The Scottish Local Government Elections Order 2011, as amended.
- II Every person guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice will, on conviction, be liable to the penalties imposed by the Representation of the People Act 1983, as amended.
- III **Those that have applied for a postal vote by 30 March 2022 will be in the first postal vote issue commencing about 14 April 2022. Later applications may not be issued until about 19 April 2022.** All issues (except where a postal voter applies in person for a replacement for a spoilt or lost postal ballot paper) will be made by first class mail. A postal ballot paper may be returned either (a) by post or by hand to the Returning Officer at Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, Midlothian, EH22 1DN or (b) by hand to a polling station in the Midlothian Council area on polling day.
- IV Any person wishing a replacement ballot paper in cases where the original has been spoilt or lost must apply to the Returning Officer by 10pm Thursday 5 May 2022. For replacements for spoilt ballot papers the voter must return the postal pack to the Returning Officer. For replacements for lost ballot papers the voter must provide proof of identity to the Returning Officer.
- V **Any person intending to vote by post, who may be unable to deal timeously with a postal ballot paper under the foregoing arrangements, should consider applying instead for appointment of a proxy.**