

## Text versions of ballot papers for use with text to audio apps or screen readers

At the Scottish Parliament election on Thursday 7th May 2026, polling places will have a range of equipment and support options available to support blind and visually impaired voters who wish to vote in person.

Spoken ballot papers are available to support you if you wish to use either of the two tactile voting aids which will be available in the polling place. One is a new cardboard ballot paper overlay which fits exactly over the ballot paper. The older plastic tactile voting device is available as an alternative. This must be fitted in place by polling staff.

This document provides text versions of the constituency and regional ballot papers for your area for use with audio apps or screen readers.

Please select from the list below which ballot paper you would like to hear. If you are not sure which constituency you are in, you can either visit the Electoral Commission lookup tool or Boundaries Scotland tool to find your current ward or constituency and enter your postcode, or call 0131 271 3384 to speak to someone in the Elections Office.

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#### Midlothian North Constituency

On the constituency ballot paper you vote for only one candidate by putting a cross in the box next to your choice. Candidates are listed alphabetically by surname on the ballot paper and are listed below, surname first, in the order that they appear. The voting box the candidate is next to is also provided, so that you can find it independently if you are using a tactile voting aid with braille and embossed numbers.

There are five candidates listed on the ballot paper for Midlothian North constituency.

The candidate next to box one on the ballot paper is **BEATTIE, Colin, Scottish National Party (SNP)**

At box two is **BUTLER, Jenny Claire Marr, Scottish Liberal Democrats**

At box three is **CHIDAMBARAM, Pal, Reform UK**

At box four is **DOGGART, Phil, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party**

At box five is **STOTT, Caitlin, Scottish Labour and Cooperative Party**

If you would like to go to the text version of the regional ballot paper for the Edinburgh and Lothians East Region, this link will take you to that section:

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#### Edinburgh and Lothians East Region

On the regional ballot paper you vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice. The parties and independent candidates are listed alphabetically on the ballot paper and are listed below

in the order that they appear. The voting box the party or independent candidate is next to is also provided, so that you can find it independently if you are using a tactile voting aid with braille and embossed numbers.

There are 22 parties and independent candidates listed on this ballot paper.

The party or independent candidate next to box one on the ballot paper is Advance UK

At box two is Alliance to Liberate Scotland

At box three is Animal Welfare Party

At box four is Communist Party of Britain

At box five is Edinburgh and East Lothian People

At box six is Equality Party

At box seven is Independence for Scotland Party

At box eight is Independent Green Voice

At box nine is Reform UK

At box ten is Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

At box eleven is Scottish Family Party

At box twelve is Scottish Green Party

At box thirteen is Scottish Labour Party

At box fourteen is Scottish Liberal Democrats

At box fifteen is Scottish Libertarian Party

At box sixteen is Scottish National Party

At box seventeen is Scottish Socialist Party

At box eighteen is Scottish Workers Party of Britain

At box nineteen is BALFOUR, Jeremy Ross

At box twenty is BONNIE PRINCE, Bob

At box twenty one is DAVIES, Morgwn Carter

At box twenty two is REGAN, Ash.

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If you would like to speak to someone in the Elections Office about the support available to vote, about how to request a reasonable adjustment at a polling station or about anything else, please call at any time during office hours on 0131 271 3384.