

NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Electoral Wards No.3 (Wick and East Caithness) and No.13 (Inverness West)

Election of Councillor – Thursday, 12 August 2021

- (1) A by-election for Ward 3 (Wick and East Caithness) and Ward 13 (Inverness West) is to be held on Thursday 12 August, following the resignation of Councillors Graham Ross (Independent) and Nicola Sinclair (Independent).

Ward Name	Number of Councillors to be elected
Ward 3 – Wick and East Caithness	1
Ward 13 – Inverness West	1

- (2) Candidate Nomination forms can be downloaded from www.highland.gov.uk/elections or by contacting the Election Office.

Candidates can scan and email their forms to election@highland.gov.uk for informal checking before the original documents are officially lodged by hand to the appropriate Depute Returning Officer.

Completed nomination papers **must** be delivered to the appropriate Depute Returning Officer listed below by prior appointment between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on any working day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) after the date of this notice but no later than **4.00 pm on Friday 9 July 2021**:

(Ward 3 – Wick and East Caithness)

Alex Macmanus, The Highland Council, Policy and Reform, Caithness House, Market Place, Wick KW1 4AB

(Ward 13 – Inverness West)

Charles Stephen, The Highland Council, Policy and Reform, Town House, High Street, Inverness IV1 1JJ

Prior to lodging papers Candidates and Agents should contact Alex Macmanus on 07568 544190 for Ward 3 and Charles Stephen / Linda Johnstone for Ward 13 on 07899 671489 or 07496 176004 to arrange an appointment.

- (3) Unless uncontested, both elections will be held in the respective wards and voting will take place between **7.00 am and 10.00 pm on Thursday 12 August 2021**.
- (4) Applications to register to vote must reach the office of the Electoral Registration Officer, as undernoted, by 12 midnight on Monday 26 July 2021. Applications can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.

Postal or Proxy Voting

- (1) If unable to or if your preference is not to attend the polling station, any elector may apply for a postal or proxy vote.

- (2) Applications for new postal votes, or amendments or cancellations of existing postal or postal proxy votes **must** reach the office of the Electoral Registration Officer, as undernoted, by **5.00 pm on Tuesday, 27 July 2021**.
- (3) Applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy), except for emergencies, **must** reach the office of the Electoral Registration Officer, as undernoted, by **5.00 pm on Wednesday, 4 August 2021**.
- (4) Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election, on the grounds of a medical emergency or for work/service reasons or, if following the Scottish Government advice or the advice of a registered medical practitioner in relation to Coronavirus, a voter is prevented from attending the polling station, **must** reach the office of the Electoral Registration Officer, as undernoted, by **5.00 pm on Thursday, 12 August 2021**. To apply for an emergency proxy the person must have become aware of the reason only **after 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 4 August 2021**.
- (5) For advice on postal or proxy voting, please contact the office of the Electoral Registration Officer, as undernoted.

Contact details for the Electoral Registration Officer are as follows:

Electoral Registration Office
Moray House
16-18 Bank Street
Inverness
IV1 1QY
Email: ero@highland.gov.uk
Telephone: [0800 393783](tel:0800393783)

For further information about these by-elections please contact the Election Office via Email election@highland.gov.uk or phone 01349 886657

Donna Manson
Returning Officer
1 July 2021