

# NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION

## The Highland Council

A by-election for Ward 6 (Cromarty Firth) and Ward 14 (Inverness Central) is to be held on Thursday 26 September 2024 to fill the following vacancies: -

Ward Name	Number of Councillors to be elected
Ward 6	2
Ward 14	1

1. Candidate Nomination forms can be downloaded from [www.highland.gov.uk/byelection](http://www.highland.gov.uk/byelection) or by contacting the Election Office.
2. Completed nomination papers must be delivered to Linda Johnstone or Cheryl MacIver, Depute Returning Officer, Meeting Room 1, The Highland Council, Election Office, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness IV3 5NX by prior appointment between the hours of 10am and 4pm on any working day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) after the date of this notice but no later than 4pm on Monday 26 August 2024.

Prior to lodging papers Candidates and Agents should email [election@highland.gov.uk](mailto:election@highland.gov.uk) or contact 07496 176004 or 07775 411321 to arrange an appointment.

Before the original documents are officially lodged by hand to the Depute Returning Officer, Candidates can scan and email their forms to [election@highland.gov.uk](mailto:election@highland.gov.uk) for an informal check.

3. Polling will take place between the hours of 7am and 10pm on Thursday 26 September 2024 unless the election is uncontested.
4. Applications to register to vote must reach the office of the Electoral Registration Officer, as undernoted, by 12 midnight on Tuesday 10 September 2024. Online applications to register can be made at: [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://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 at this election.
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 5pm on Wednesday 11 September 2024.
3. Applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy), except for emergencies, must reach the office of the Electoral Registration Officer, as undernoted, by 5pm on Wednesday 18 September 2024.

4. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election, i.e., made after the Wednesday 18 September 2024 deadline must reach the office of the Electoral Registration Officer, as undernoted, by 5pm on Thursday 26 September 2024 on the grounds of:-
- In the case of a medical condition, illness or disability arising after the deadline for ordinary proxy applications.
  - Are a mental health patient detained under civil powers.
  - If your occupation, service or employment means you cannot go to the polling station in person and you only become aware of this after the deadline for ordinary proxy applications.
  - For Scottish local council elections, an elector may be able to change their proxy if their appointed proxy's circumstances have changed and they cannot reasonably be expected to vote at the polling station.
  - If you are a Scottish prisoner serving a sentence of 12 months or less.
5. For advice on postal or proxy voting, please contact the office of the Electoral Registration Office.

Contact Details for the Electoral Registration Office	
Electoral Registration Officer, Moray House, 16-18 Bank Street, Inverness, IV1 1QY	Telephone: 0800 393783 (weekdays 9am to 5pm)  Website: <a href="http://www.saa.gov.uk/h-wi-vjb">www.saa.gov.uk/h-wi-vjb</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:ero@highland.gov.uk">ero@highland.gov.uk</a>

Derek Brown  
Returning Officer

Dated: Thursday 19 August 2024

**Tel: 01349 886657**

**Web: [www.highland.gov.uk/byelection](http://www.highland.gov.uk/byelection)**

**Email: [election@highland.gov.uk](mailto:election@highland.gov.uk)**

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