

**The Highland Council By-Election  
Ward 7: Tain and Easter Ross and Ward 11: Caol and Mallaig  
Thursday 25 September 2025**

**Notice of Openings of Postal Voters' Ballot Boxes  
and the Envelopes contained therein**

**Issue of Postal Votes**

IDOX are contracted by me to produce the Postal Voting packs and postal ballot papers. Postal Vote packs will be dispatched to Royal Mail by the appointed contractor on and around Friday, 12 September 2025 (for those registered before Tuesday 9 September 2025).

**Opening of Postal Votes**

I, Derek Brown, Returning Officer at the above election, hereby give you notice of the Openings of Postal Voters' Ballot Boxes and the envelopes contained therein on the dates and at the places and times all as specified in the schedule below.

I further notify you that you or your Election Agent (or any person appointed to attend in place of you or your Election Agent, provided their appointment has been duly made and notified to me) are entitled to be present at proceedings. You may appoint Postal Vote Agents to attend any of the sessions specified in this notice.

**Schedule of Opening of Postal Votes**

<b>Session No</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
1	Wednesday 24 September 2025	Committee Room 1 and 2 The Highland Council Council Headquarters Glenurquhart Road Inverness IV3 5NX	From 9am until completion (opening of envelopes only)
2	Thursday 25 September 2025		From 9am until completion, recommencing from 9pm until finish (scanning and verification)

Derek Brown  
Returning Officer  
Election Office  
The Highland Council  
Glenurquhart Road  
Inverness IV3 5NX

Monday 25 August 2025