

## Ward 4 – East Sutherland and Edderton By-Election – Thursday 25 June 2026

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

To: All Candidates/Election Agents

#### 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 the following date: **Friday 12 June 2026 (for those registered before Monday 8 June 2026)**

#### 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

Session No	Date	Venue	Start Time
1	Wednesday 24 June 2026	<del>Golspie High School Main Street, Golspie, Sutherland, KW10 6RF</del>	From 9am until completion (opening of envelopes only)
2	Thursday 25 June 2026	Dornoch Academy, Evelix Road, Dornoch, IV25 3HR	From 9am until completion and recommence at 9pm until finish (scanning and verification)

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

Thursday 21 May 2026