

NOTICE OF ELECTION

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL ELECTORAL WARD NO. 5 – LEADERDALE & MELROSE

1. Following the sad death of Councillor Kevin Drum, an election, if contested, for one Councillor, is due to be held between the hours of 7am and 10pm on **Thursday, 11 March 2021** for Electoral Ward No. 5, Leaderdale and Melrose.
2. Due to Covid19 restrictions, nomination forms can be obtained **by appointment only** from the Election Office at Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA, by telephoning 01835 825005, by emailing elections@scotborders.gov.uk or on the website at www.scotborders.gov.uk. A further appointment with the Election Office will need to be made for the delivery of nomination papers on weekdays from 10am to 4pm.
3. Completed nomination forms **must** be delivered to the Election Office at the above address by **4pm on Monday, 8 February 2021**.
4. Unless uncontested, an election will be held in the ward and voting will take place between 7am and 10pm on **Thursday, 11 March 2021**.
5. Applications to register to vote **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Old School Building, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA by **Tuesday, 23 February 2021**. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.

Postal or proxy voting

1. Any elector may apply for a postal or proxy vote at this election.
2. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Old School Building, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA by 5pm on **Wednesday, 24 February 2021**.
3. Applications to vote by proxy at this election **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the above by 5pm on **Wednesday, 3 March 2021**.
4. Applications to amend or cancel existing proxy arrangements **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the above address by 5pm **Wednesday, 24 February 2021**.
5. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the above address **by 5pm on the date of the poll** and are available for anyone who:
 - (a) suffers an illness or disability after the deadline for proxy applications on Wednesday, 3 March 2021; or
 - (b) discovers after that deadline that they will be unable to go to the poll on the day of the by-election for occupational, employment or service reasons; or
 - (c) cannot reasonably be expected to vote in person at the polling station allotted or likely to be allotted to them under the appropriate rules as a result of following Scottish Government advice or the advice of a registered medical practitioner in

relation to coronavirus; and became aware of this after 5pm on Wednesday 3
March 2021

6. For advice on postal or proxy voting, contact 01835 825100 or email
ero@scotborders.gov.uk.

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