

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

1. As per Report 572/13, it was agreed that the Community Council elections which were due to be held in October 2014 would be postponed until October 2015 due to the number of key electoral events taking place in 2014.
2. Arrangements are now underway to hold the Community Council elections in October 2015 and the proceedings at the election will be conducted in accordance with the following timetable (based on a contested poll being held) of events:-

Monday 7 September 2015	Publication of Notice of Election
Not later than 4pm on any weekday after the date of publication of the Notice of Election	Submission of nomination papers to Returning Officer
Not later than 4pm on Monday 28 September 2015	Final date for the submission of nomination papers to the Returning Officer
	Final date for the submission of candidates personal statements
Not later than 4pm on Monday 5 October 2015	Final date for the withdrawal of nominations
Midnight on Monday 5 October 2015	Existing Community Councillors term of office expires
Friday 9 October 2015	Issue letters to candidates if uncontested confirming their election and publication of Notice of Uncontested Election
Friday 9 October 2015	Publication of Notice of Poll (if contested)
Monday 26 October 2015	Polling commences (if contested) - final dates and times to be confirmed
Monday 2 November 2015	Counting of Votes cast – time to be confirmed

In computing any period of time for the purposes of the timetable:-

- (a) a Saturday or Sunday;
- (b) a day which is a bank holiday in Scotland under the banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971(a); or
- (c) a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning,

shall be disregarded, and any such day shall not be treated as a day for the purpose of any proceedings up to the completion of the poll.

3. The postponement of the Community Council elections resulted in existing Community Councillors having their term of office extended for one year to 5 October 2015. Community Councillors elected in October 2015 will sit for a three year term only to 1 October 2018 to bring the elections back into line with the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councillors.

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