

UK PARLIAMENTARY GENERAL ELECTION

BATHGATE & LINLITHGOW CONSTITUENCY

NOTICE OF ELECTION

An election is to be held for a member to serve in the United Kingdom Parliament for the Bathgate & Linlithgow County Constituency. If the election is contested the poll will take place between the hours of 7 am and 10 pm on Thursday 4 July 2024.

Nominations

Nomination papers can be obtained from the Returning Officer or downloaded from the [Electoral Commission's website](#). The rules about completing and delivering nomination papers and other forms are in Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983.

The Election Office is open for the issue and delivery of nomination papers between 10 am and 4 pm from Monday 3 June 2024 until Friday 7 June 2024, both dates included. Completed nomination papers must be delivered, not posted or emailed, to the Election Office by 4 pm on 7 June 2024. The Returning Officer will on request prepare a nomination paper for signature.

Each candidate must pay a deposit of £500 to the Returning Officer before 4 pm on 7 June 2024. Payment will be accepted in cash, or by certified cheque or banker's draft (but only where the drawer carries on business as a banker in the UK), or by electronic transfer of funds to the Returning Officer's bank account.

Registering to vote

Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer before midnight on 18 June 2024. Applications can be [made online](#).

Contact the Electoral Registration Officer for advice on registering to vote, Voter Authority Certificates, postal votes, proxy votes and changing existing arrangements.

Photographic ID

Voters must have photographic ID to vote in person. The forms of ID which are acceptable are [listed online](#). If necessary, voters may apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. Applications must reach the Electoral Registration Officer before 5 pm on 26 June 2024. Applications can be [made online](#). A Temporary Voter Authority Certificate may be made available by the Electoral Registration Officer where a Voter Authority Certificate, properly applied for, will not be received in time.

Postal or Proxy Voting

Voters may apply for a postal or proxy vote. Proxy voting means someone else voting on a voter's behalf.

Postal voting

Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes and postal proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5 pm on 19 June 2024. Voters given a postal vote will not be able to vote in person.

Issuing postal ballot papers will start around 18 June 2024. They will be issued by first class post (except later where a replacement for a spoilt or lost postal ballot paper is applied for in person). A first-class prepaid return envelope will be provided.

Postal ballot papers may be returned before 10 pm on polling day by post or by hand to an authorised officer either at the Civic Centre, Howden South Road, Livingston, or The Foundry, 4 Central Boulevard, Larbert, or by hand on polling day to any polling station for the constituency. Voters returning a postal ballot paper by hand must also complete a [return of postal voting documents form](#) and cannot hand in more than six postal ballot papers, including their own. Postal ballot papers handed in or deposited anywhere else or left behind without the form will not be counted.

Proxy voting

Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5 pm on 26 June 2024. Applications to amend or cancel existing proxy arrangements must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5 pm on 19 June 2024.

Voters may apply until 5 pm on polling day to vote by emergency proxy on specified grounds. The specified grounds are physical incapacity, work/service commitments, loss of photographic ID, or non-receipt of a Voter Authority Certificate properly applied for. The grounds for the emergency application must have arisen after 5 pm on 26 June 2024.

Voters who are given a proxy vote can still vote themselves but only if their proxy has not already voted or obtained a postal vote for them.

Notes

The Election Office is at the Second Floor in the Executive Wing, West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road, Livingston, West Lothian, EH54 6FF, 01506 282035, (elections@westlothian.gov.uk).

The Electoral Registration Officer for West Lothian voters is at 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL, 0131 344 2500 (<http://www.lothian-vjb.gov.uk>, enquiries@lothian-vjb.gov.uk). The Electoral Registration Officer for Falkirk Council voters is at Glendevon House, The Castle Business Park, Stirling, FK9 4TZ, 01786 892289 (<https://www.saa.gov.uk/central>, registration@centralscotland-vjb.gov.uk).

Every person guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice will, on conviction, be liable to the penalties imposed by the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Graham Hope, Returning Officer

31 May 2024