

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

VACANCY IN WARD 14 - THORNIEWOOD

CORONAVIRUS ACT 2020

ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR

Due to a vacancy arising by a resignation, a by-election was to be held to elect one councillor to the Thorniewood multi-member ward of North Lanarkshire Council. The polling date previously fixed as Thursday, 19 November 2020 has been changed.

The Returning Officer has determined that polling should now take place on **Thursday, 4 March 2021**.

The Returning Officer has made his determination in terms of section 70 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 which allows an election to be fixed to take place on a date beyond the deadline set out in section 37 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and, if necessary, to be postponed once fixed. Before making his determination the Returning Officer consulted the Convener of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland, the Scottish Ministers and the Electoral Commission.

The Returning Officer has the power to substitute a new date or dates for polling to take place up to but not beyond 6 May 2021. He will keep his determination under review in light of developing and changing circumstances and will publish a further notice in the event that the polling date requires to be further changed.

The Notice of Election is expected to be published on Thursday, 14 January 2021. The period for nominations would then run from Friday, 15 January 2021 until Monday, 1 February 2021, inclusive.

Voters may wish to consider applying for an absent vote which means voting by post or by proxy (someone voting for them).

For a polling date of 4 March 2021, the following deadlines apply for registration and voting:-

- Applications to be included on the register of voters must be made by midnight on Tuesday, 16 February 2021
- Applications for new postal votes (including postal proxy votes) must be made by 5 pm on Wednesday 17 February 2021
- Applications for changes to existing postal or proxy votes must be made by 5 pm on Wednesday, 17 February 2021
- Applications for new proxy votes (except for emergencies) must be made by 5 pm on Wednesday 24 February 2021

All these applications must be made to the Electoral Registration Officer at www.lanarkshire-vjb.gov.uk, or North Stand, Cadzow Avenue, Hamilton ML3 0LU (0800 030 4333).

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