**NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION**

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**ELECTORAL WARD NO.13 (FORTISSAT)**

**ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR - THURSDAY, 4 MARCH 2021**

# One Councillor is to be elected to Electoral Ward No. 13 (Fortissat) of North Lanarkshire Council.

# Nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Returning Officer, Election Office, Civic Centre, Windmillhill Street, Motherwell ML1 1AB and on the Council’s website at [www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk](http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk). This office is open for the issue and delivery of nomination papers on weekdays from **Friday, 15 January 2021** between the hours of 8:45 am and 4.00 pm (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays). Completed nomination forms **must** be delivered to the Returning Officer at the Election Office at the above address no later than **4.00 pm on** **Monday, 1 February 2021.**

# If the election is contested, voting will take place between the hours of 7.00 am and 10.00 pm on **Thursday, 4 March 2021**

# Applications to register to vote must reach the office of the Electoral Registration Officer, as undernoted, by **12 midnight on Tuesday, 16 February 2021.** Applications can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.

**Postal or Proxy Voting**

# If unable to or if your preference is not to attend the polling station, any elector may apply for a postal or proxy vote.

# Applications for new postal votes, or amendments or cancellations of existing postal or postal proxy votes **must** reach the office of the Electoral Registration Officer, as undernoted, by **5.00 pm on Wednesday, 17 February 2021**

# Applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy), except for emergencies, **must** reach the office of the Electoral Registration Officer, as undernoted, by **5.00 pm on Wednesday, 24 February 2021.**

# Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election, on the grounds of a medical emergency or for work/service reasons or, if following the Scottish Government advice or the advice of a registered medical practitioner in relation to Coronavirus, a voter is prevented from attending the polling station, **must** reach the office of the Electoral Registration Officer, as undernoted, by **5.00 pm on Thursday, 4 March 2021.** To apply for an emergency proxy the person must have become aware of the reason only **after 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 24 February 2021.**

# For advice on postal or proxy voting, please contact the office of the Electoral Registration Officer, as undernoted.

**CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER ARE AS FOLLOWS:-**

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| Electoral Registration Officer  North Stand  Cadzow Avenue  Hamilton  ML3 0LU | Helpline: 0800 030 4333 Email: [ero@lanarkshire-vjb.gov.uk](mailto:ero@lanarkshire-vjb.gov.uk) Website: [www.lanarkshire-vjb.gov.uk](http://www.lanarkshire-vjb.gov.uk) |

For further information about the election please contact the Election Office on 07951409696 or ElectionOffice@northlan.gov.uk

**Des Murray**

**Returning Officer**

14 January 2021