

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Orkney Islands Council Election of Councillors

Councillors are to be elected for each of the 6 wards of Orkney Islands Council. The number of councillors to be elected for each ward is as follows:

Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected
Kirkwall East	4
Kirkwall West & Orphir	4
Stromness & South Isles	3
West Mainland	4
East Mainland, South Ronaldsay & Burray	3
North Isles	3

1. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Election Office, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1NY, phone (01856) 886350 or email electionoffice@orkney.gov.uk. This office is open for the issue and delivery of nomination papers on weekdays from **Tuesday 15 March 2022 between 10am and 4pm.**
2. Completed nomination forms **must** be delivered to the Returning Officer at the above address by **4pm** on **Wednesday 30 March 2022.**
3. An election will be held in each contested ward and voting will take place between 7am and 10pm on **Thursday 5 May 2022.**

4. Applications to register to vote **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 8 Broad Street, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1NX by **Monday 18 April 2022**. 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 8 Broad Street, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1NX by 5pm on **Tuesday 19 April 2022**.
3. Applications to vote by proxy at this election **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 8 Broad Street, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1NX by 5pm on **Tuesday 26 April 2022**.
4. Applications to amend or cancel existing proxy arrangements **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 8 Broad Street, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1NX by 5pm **Tuesday 19 April 2022**.
5. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on the grounds of a medical emergency that will prevent a voter from going to the polling station or for work/service reasons **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 8 Broad Street, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1NX by 5pm on Thursday 5 May 2022. The medical emergency must have occurred after 5pm on **Tuesday 26 April 2022**. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5pm on **Tuesday 26 April 2022**.
6. For advice on postal or proxy voting, contact Electoral Registration Office, 8 Broad Street, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1NX; Phone: (01856) 876222 or email ero@orkney.gov.uk.

Dated: 14 March 2022