

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Scottish Parliament election

For the Cowdenbeath Constituency

1. An election is to be held for **one** Constituency Member to serve in the Scottish Parliament for the Cowdenbeath constituency.
2. Nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Constituency Returning Officer, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes, KY7 5LT in person during the times stated below or by emailing election.enquiries@fife.gov.uk. Nomination papers can also be downloaded from the Fife Council website www.fife.gov.uk/scottishelection.
3. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Constituency Returning Officer at Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes, KY7 5LT between the hours of 10am and 4pm on any working day after the date of this notice but no later than **4pm on Wednesday 1 April 2026**.
4. Candidates and agents are requested to make an appointment for the delivery of nomination papers by emailing election.enquiries@fife.gov.uk or by calling 03451 55 55 11, Option 2.
5. Candidates and agents may send completed nomination papers to election.enquiries@fife.gov.uk for an informal check prior to submission.
6. The £500 deposit can be paid by (1) electronic transfer of funds (2) legal tender or (3) by means of a banker's draft from a drawer which carries on business as a banker in the United Kingdom.
7. If the election is contested the poll will take place on **Thursday 7 May 2026**.
8. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on **Monday 20 April 2026**. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.

Postal and proxy voting

9. Any eligible elector may apply for a postal or proxy vote at this election.
10. New applications to vote by post, amendments (including amending a postal vote to a proxy vote) or cancellations of existing postal or proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm on Tuesday 21 April 2026**.
11. Cancellation of postal votes must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm on Tuesday 21 April 2026**.
12. Applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy), except for emergencies at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026**.
13. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election, i.e. made after the 28 April 2026 deadline on the grounds of:
 - a disability suffered after that deadline (or, for applicants who suffered a disability before the deadline, their disability meant that they could not reasonably have made an application in time)
 - the need to accompany an individual to attend medical care or treatment arising after that deadline
 - being detained in a hospital under the civil sections of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003
 - work/service reasons arising after that deadline
 - Scottish prisoners serving a sentence of 12 months or less arising after that deadline
 - circumstances that mean the appointed proxy cannot reasonably be expected to vote after that deadline.

Applications must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm on Thursday 7 May 2026**.

14. For advice on postal or proxy voting please visit our website www.fife.gov.uk/elections or contact us on T:03451 55 55 11 or E: election.enquiries@fife.gov.uk.

Contact details of Electoral Registration Officer in the constituency

Lindsay Thomson Electoral Registration Officer	Fife	Fife House North Street Glenrothes KY7 5LT	E: voters.roll@fife.gov.uk T: 03451 55 55 11, Option 1
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Signed: Ken Gourlay, Constituency Returning Officer
Dated: 16 March 2026