

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **(1) GENERAL STATEMENT AS TO ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION**

Each candidate must reside in the Community Council area and appear as a registered elector for an address on the current electoral register, or supplementary electoral register for the community council area.

No person shall be eligible to stand for election as a member of a Community Council if he/she is a Local Authority Councillor, a Member of the Scottish Parliament, a Member of Parliament, a Member of the European Parliament or a candidate for election to any of these bodies.

Any Community Councillor who is elected to a Local Authority, the Scottish Parliament, Parliament or the European Parliament shall cease to be a Community Councillor.

Candidates must self nominate themselves, with the nomination only being witnessed. There is no longer a requirement for a candidate at a Community Council election to obtain the support of a proposer, seconder or assentors.

Only those persons whose names are included in the Electoral Register, or Supplementary Register, for the area and are entitled to vote at local government elections, or are in the Supplementary Register for that area, shall be entitled to vote at a Community Council election.

The decision of the Returning Officer on all matters of election and nomination procedures shall be final.

### **(2) ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION**

Each candidate must formally accept the nomination by signing the form.

### **(3) CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS**

NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE AT 4 PM ON TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2011.

### **(4) RETURN OF NOMINATIONS**

**Nomination Papers require to be submitted to the relevant Ward Manager by 4.00 pm Tuesday 4 October 2011. The relevant Ward Manager details can be found in [this link](#).** Ward Managers will accept e-mailed copies of the Form, so long as it has been correctly completed and contains the signature of the candidate and witness.

### **(5) VALIDITY OF NOMINATIONS**

Nominations will be checked as soon as reasonably possible and a letter confirming the validity of each nomination will be sent out to candidates as soon as possible after checking.

## **(6) WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATIONS**

Nominations lodged may be withdrawn on a notice being given in writing, signed by the candidate, to the relevant Ward Manager. The last date and time for withdrawals will be 4 pm on Thursday, 6 October 2011.

## **(7) NOTICE OF POLL**

As soon as reasonably possible after the deadline for withdrawal of nominations, validly nominated candidates will be advised by letter whether an election will be necessary in their area, or whether they have been elected unopposed.

Where an election is required, a Notice of Poll will be published in the Council's Website and displayed in local Service Points. Candidates will also receive further information about the conduct of the poll and the arrangements for the Count.

Alistair Dodds,  
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