

# The Highland Council By-Election Ward 21 – Fort William and Ardnamurchan

## What Voters Need to Know for Polling Day

The Returning Officer is reminding voters in the Ward 21 (Fort William and Ardnamurchan) by-election what they need to know to have their say on Polling Day:

- Polling Stations will be open from 7am to 10pm. If there's a queue, you'll still be able to vote as long as you have joined it before 10pm.
- To find your Polling Station please search with your postcode at <https://wheredoivote.co.uk/>
- Electors may wish to consider avoiding peak times and attend Polling Stations at quiet periods such as mid-morning or mid-afternoon.
- Polling Station staff will give you your Ballot Paper and answer any questions you have regarding the Electoral process.
- If you applied for a Postal Vote, it must be received by the Returning Officer by 10pm on Thursday 21 November 2024. If you have left it too late to post, you can drop it in at any Polling Station within the Ward.
- Vote using numbers and rank the candidates in order of choice using 1, 2, 3 and so on. Put the number 1 in the voting box next to your first choice, a 2 in the voting box next to your second choice, a 3 in the voting box next to your third choice, and so on. You can make as many or as few choices as you wish.

## Planning ahead

You may want to plan ahead for how to vote on polling day. Check your poll card as your polling place may have changed since the last election.

If you would prefer to vote by post or want to appoint a proxy which is appointing someone to vote on behalf of you then you can complete the relevant application form online at

[www.saa.gov.uk/h-wi-vjb](http://www.saa.gov.uk/h-wi-vjb)

Completed application forms for voting by post must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 6 November 2024 and new application forms for voting by proxy must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 13 November 2024. If, after 5pm on Wednesday 13 November 2024, you are unable to vote in person for the reasons specified in the notice of election you can appoint an emergency proxy by completing the appropriate form.

To find out how to apply, please call the Electoral Registration Office on 0800 393783 or by email [ero@highland.gov.uk](mailto:ero@highland.gov.uk)