

# Information on how to vote in the local elections



From today, information on how to use the vote in the local elections will be landing on doorsteps across the city, ready for polling day on 3 May.

The City of Edinburgh Council is also urging voters to make sure they are registered by 18 April so that they can vote.

This year, Edinburgh residents will be asked to vote by numbers under the Single Transferable Voting (STV) system. The ballot paper will list all the [candidates standing](#) in each ward and each voter will be asked to number them in order of their choice, using one, two, and three and so on.

To make sure that each vote counts and is used correctly, [Victor the Voter](#) is going viral and helping to spread the message, alongside the [Electoral Commission's information](#) being sent to every household.

People can register to vote by calling the Lothian Valuation Joint Board on 0131 344 2500 or downloading a form from [www.lothian-vjb.gov.uk](http://www.lothian-vjb.gov.uk)

Sue Bruce, Returning Officer for Edinburgh said: "For those who have not yet done so, I would urge you to make sure you register by the deadline of 18 April 2012.

"Registering is quick and easy and makes sure that you will be able to vote in a way that is most convenient for you – by post, at a polling station near your home or even in exceptional circumstances, by proxy – so that you can have your say in the elections on Thursday 3 May 2012."

In the forthcoming Local Government election, voters will be electing 58 councillors to represent them across the city's 17 wards. There are 7 four-member and 10 three-member wards in Edinburgh. We have [profiled each and every candidate for you here](#). You can search under Party or Ward in the Search bar to the top right hand side of the page.

Further detail on the [2012 Local Government election](#) is available online.