Have you registered to vote?

You are urged to make sure you are registered to vote. Today is National Voter Registration Day (NVRD).

The Westminster General Election 2015 takes place on 7 May 2015.

NVRD, organised by <u>Bite the Ballot</u>, aims to raise awareness of the voter registration process around the UK.

Since 19 September the way citizens register to vote has changed and letters advising of this change have been issued to all electors in Edinburgh.

All those who have not registered to vote, or have moved address since the Referendum, should have received an Invitation to Register form, which can be returned online atwww.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

For assistance with a telephone registration call the <u>Lothian</u> and <u>Valuation Joint Board</u> on 0131 344 2500.

In September, more than 84% of the city's residents voted in the Scottish Independence Referendum, which saw a recordbreaking turnout across the country.

Sue Bruce, Chief Executive of City of Edinburgh Council and Returning Officer for Edinburgh, said: "Elections are an opportunity to have a say on things that matter to us all. Edinburgh's huge turnout in the Scottish Independence Referendum was extremely encouraging and no doubt the majority of people who took part in September will be keen to cast their vote in May.

"Registering is the first part of the voting process so it is essential that the public make sure they are on the electoral roll. Anyone who is unsure about how to register, where to vote or how to vote by post can find more information on the Council website."

Find out more about NVRD on <u>Bite the Ballot's website</u>.
Further details about registering to vote and how to vote are also available on the <u>Council website</u>.