

# **Council elections 2022 – SNP urge voters to cast their ballot at the election today**

**In the first test since the Scottish Parliamentary election last year, SNP Leader Nicola Sturgeon has urged voters not to sit this one out, as polls open for the Local Government elections on Thursday.**

The First Minister said that the “out-of-touch” Tories are completely consumed by Downing Street parties and can only be locked out of council chambers by voting SNP.

Nicola Sturgeon said: “My message to voters today is clear – don’t sit this election out.

“People across Scotland have the power to lock out the Tories and send a political shockwave to Downing Street, forcing action on the cost of living crisis.

“The Tories have spent months consumed by Downing Street parties while ordinary people have been terrified to open their bills as energy and food prices soar. Let the Tories feel the full force of public anger at the ballot box.

“This election is an opportunity to lock the Tories out of power – but that can only happen by maximising the SNP vote.

“Until polls close, SNP activists up and down the country will

be campaigning for every single vote – spreading the positive vision that SNP councillors will deliver on, if elected today.

“Vote SNP to elect strong local voices to champion their communities and cast a verdict on the out-of-touch Tories.”



On the eve of the 2022 Local Elections Nicola Sturgeon got on the yellow bus with some of the MSPs bound for last minute campaigning in Midlothian. PHOTO ©2022 The Edinburgh Reporter