

Colinton/Fairmilehead by election – nominations now open

Residents of Colinton/Fairmilehead will choose a new councillor next month to represent the ward which also includes Bonaly, Dreghorn, Oxbgangs and Swanston and has a current electorate of 19,226.

A Formal Notice of Election has been published explaining how to stand as a candidate, who is eligible to vote and how to make sure you are on the Electoral Register. Nominations open on Friday 27 September.

Voters have a range of options for casting their ballot – in person, by post or by appointing someone they trust to vote in their place, known as a proxy vote.

In order to stand as a candidate, individuals must submit nomination papers, which are available on the Council website, by 4pm on Monday 14 October.

Chris Highcock, Depute Returning Officer for Edinburgh, said: “The Notice of Election signifies the official start of the election period for Colinton/Fairmilehead. I would urge all citizens in the ward to make sure they are registered and have their details or preference of how they would like to vote up to date in plenty of time.

“Anyone unsure about how to register, where to vote or how to

vote by post can find more information on the Council website.”

Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm on Thursday 14 November. Details of where these are will be announced shortly.

People aged 16 and over and all those legally resident – including foreign citizens – can register to vote in this election.

Find out more about elections in Edinburgh and how to register to vote on the Council website.

- The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday 29 October 2024
- to apply for a postal vote the deadline is Wednesday 30 October 2024
- and for a proxy vote the deadline is Wednesday 6 November 2024.

