

Date set for council by-election in Whitburn and Blackburn ward

The date of the council by-election in West Lothian has been set for 14 November.

The poll, on a Thursday, will take place in the Whitburn and Blackburn ward following the resignation of Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan after her election to Westminster.

No candidates have been declared as yet, but one change agreed by the council's Executive this week was not to open Polbeth village hall as a polling station.

This polling district currently contains nine electors, six of which were postal voters at the last council election. These voters will be directed to Seafield Community Centre in a better use of resources.

Councillor Sullivan served the ward from 2017 until last week as one of two Labour councillors in a ward which has four including Labour veteran George Paul. Jim and Mary Dickson, for the SNP, are the other current serving councillors .

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