

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT – FALKIRK EAST AND FALKIRK WEST CONSTITUENCIES**FALKIRK COUNCIL****ELECTIONS 3 MAY 2007****TIMETABLE FOR CANDIDATES AND AGENTS**

TIME	PROCEEDING & VENUE
Tuesday 13 March at 6.00 pm	Initial briefing of prospective candidates and agents Committee Suite, Municipal Buildings, Falkirk
Tuesday 27 March 2007 at 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm	Second briefing of candidates and agents (during nomination period) Committee Suite, Municipal Buildings, Falkirk
Between Thursday 22 March and Monday 2 April 2007 (Actual date of publication 22 March 2007)	Publication of Notice of Election
Friday 23 March and Wednesday 11 April 2007 inclusive, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm	Delivery of nomination papers Papers to be delivered to the Election Office, Room G19, Municipal Buildings
Not later than 4.00 pm on Wednesday 11 April 2007	Deadline for delivery of nomination papers
Monday 2 April 2007 (the minimum period is 21 working days before the election)	Dissolution of Scottish Parliament
Not later than 4.00 pm on Wednesday 11 April 2007	Delivery of certificate (issued by or on behalf of the nominating officer of a registered political party) authorising use of a registered party name
Not later than 4.00 pm on Wednesday 11 April 2007	Request by candidate for an emblem to be printed on the ballot paper
Not later than 4.00 pm on Wednesday 11 April 2007	Delivery of notices of withdrawals of candidature
Not later than 4.00 pm on Wednesday 11 April 2007	Deadline for notice of appointment of election agents

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Not later than 12 noon on Wednesday 11 April 2007 (or 5.00 p.m. for nominations lodged on Wednesday 11 April)	The making of objections to nomination papers (<u>except</u> due to disqualification under Representation of the People Act 1981) (Scottish Parliamentary Elections only)
4.00 pm on Wednesday 11 April 2007 (if no objections made) and not later than 4.00 pm on Thursday 12 April 2007 (if objections made)	Publish statement as to persons and parties nominated/notice of poll/notice of situation of polling stations
Not later than Thursday 12 April 2007 at 4.00 p.m.	The making of objections to nomination papers due to disqualification under Representation of the People Act 1981) (Scottish Parliamentary Elections only)
Not later than 5.00 pm on Wednesday 18 April 2007	Last day to submit a registration application form to be included on the register of electors to be used at these elections
Not later than 5.00 pm on Wednesday 18 April 2007	Deadline for requests for a new postal vote or to change or cancel an existing postal vote or proxy appointment
Not earlier than 5.00 pm on Wednesday 18 April 2007 Dates of issue to be confirmed	First time from which postal votes can be dispatched
Week commencing 23 April 2007 (dates tbc)	Daily openings of postal votes Committee Suite, Municipal Buildings, Falkirk
Not later than 5.00 pm on Wednesday 25 April 2007	Deadline for new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy), except for medical emergencies
Thursday 26 April 2007	Last day for notice of appointment of counting agents and polling agents
Monday 30 April 2007	First day to issue ballot papers in response to requests to replace lost postal ballot papers
Tuesday 1 May 2007, 10.30 am Grangemouth Sports Complex	DRS refresher training for ALL Count staff (and possibly for candidates – tbc)

TIME	PROCEEDING & VENUE
Tuesday 1 May 2007	Deadline for the appointment of sub-agents
Thursday 3 May 2007, 7.00 am – 10.00 pm	Polling Day
Not later than 5.00 pm on Thursday 3 May 2007	Deadline for the issue of replacements for spoilt or lost postal ballot papers
Not later than 5.00 pm on Thursday 3 May 2007	Deadline for new applications to vote by proxy on the grounds of a medical emergency
Not later than 5.00 pm on Thursday 3 May 2007	Last day to make alterations to the register to correct a clerical error or to implement a court (registration appeal) decision
Thursday 3 May 2007 at 10.00 pm (at the Count)	Final opening of postal votes Grangemouth Sports Complex
Thursday 3 May 2007 at 10.00 pm	Scottish Parliamentary Count
To be confirmed	Local Government Count
Friday 8 June 2007	Last date for return of election expenses and associated declarations
8 June 2009	Last date for inspection of returns of expenses and declarations – thereafter to be destroyed or returned by RO to candidate or agent if either requires

In computing any period of time for the purposes of the timetable, the following days are disregarded (dies non): Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, bank holidays and any day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning in Scotland. Maundy Thursday is no longer a dies non for Local Government elections.

20 February 2007

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Returning Officer (Falkirk Council)