NOTICE OF ELECTION

Shetland Islands Council

Election of Councillors

Councillors are to be elected for each of the seven [7] wards of Shetland Islands Council. The number of councillors to be elected for each ward is as follows:

Ward	Number of Councillors to be elected
North Isles	3
Shetland North	3
Shetland West	3
Shetland Central	3
Shetland South	3
Lerwick North	3
Lerwick South	4

1. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Election Office at Shetland Islands Council, Burgh Road, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0LA or online at www.shetland.gov.uk/elections This office is open for the issue and delivery of nomination papers on weekdays from Tuesday 14 March 2017 between 10am to 4pm.

2. Completed nomination forms **must** be delivered to the Returning Officer at the above address by **4pm** on **Wednesday 29 March 2017**.

3. An election will be held in each contested ward and voting will take place between 7am and 10pm on **Thursday 4 May 2017**.

4. Applications to register to vote **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 20 Commercial Road, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0LX by Monday 17 April 2017. Applications can be made online: **https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote**.

Postal or proxy voting

1. Any elector may apply for a postal or proxy vote at this election.

2. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 20 Commercial Road, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0LX by 5pm on Tuesday 18 April 2017.

3. Applications to vote by proxy at this election **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 20 Commercial Road, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0LX by 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2017.

4. Applications to amend or cancel existing proxy arrangements **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 20 Commercial Road, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0LX by 5pm Tuesday 18 April 2017.

5. Applications to vote by proxy at this election applied for on grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons **must** reach the Electoral Registration Officer at 20 Commercial Road, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0LX by 5pm on Thursday 4 May 2017. The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2017.

   To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2017.

6. For advice on postal or proxy voting, contact the Electoral Registration Officer at 20 Commercial Road, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0LX, by telephoning 01595 745700 or email ero@shetland.gov.uk

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