

# Buckie and District and Findochty and District

## Community Council Elections 2026

### Election Timetable

Last date for application to the Electoral Register		<b>12 December 2025</b>
Notice of Election - Publication of public notice calling for Nomination of Candidates	-35	Monday 5 January 2026
First time for candidates to lodge nomination papers	-34	Tuesday 6 January 2026
<b>Latest time for candidates lodging nomination papers</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>Not later than 4pm on 20 January 2026</b>
Final date for the withdrawal of nominations	-23	No later than 4pm on 20 January 2026
<b>Declaration of Community Council established, if uncontested</b>	-22	<b>Wednesday 21 January 2026</b>
<b>Start of new term for uncontested Community Councils</b>		<b>Monday 26 January 2026</b>
Publication of Notice of Poll for contested seats/Community Councils ( <i>if required</i> )	-22	4pm on Wednesday 21 January 2026
<i>Postal votes for all contested areas prepared and printed</i>		
Last day for Postal Votes to be issued for Contested Seats*	By - 11	5 February 2026
Last time to apply for a replacement for a spoilt of lost postal vote	0	No later than 4pm on the day of the poll.
<b>Close of Poll (<i>if required</i>)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Friday 20 February 2026</b>
<b>Counting of Votes</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>By Thursday 26 February 2026</b>
Declaration of Community Council established (contested) (Election Results)	+5	By Friday 27 February 2026