

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025

JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community councils are groups of people who care about their community and want to make it a better place to live. The next community council elections start in February 2025 - this is your opportunity to get involved.

What is a community council?

A community council is a voluntary organisation set up by statute by local councils and run by residents living in the area to act on behalf their community. As the most local tier of elected representation, community councils play an important role in local democracy and have a statutory right to be consulted on local planning applications and are considered competent objectors for licence applications.



What do community councils do?

As well as representing the community to the council and our partners (such as Police and NHS), community councils facilitate a wide range of activities which promote the well-being of their communities. They bring local people together to help make things happen.

Community councils are the strongest way you can be involved with your local area. By becoming a member, you'll support a greater understanding of how local government works and what goes on locally and nationally.

Many community councils promote the identity of their community. They advise, petition, influence and advocate numerous causes and cases of concern on behalf of local residents. Some examples of what they do are:

- represent their communities' views on planning and licensing matters
- carry out projects to enhance their community for all types of citizens including older people, single mothers, minority groups and young people.
- issue community newsletters
- conduct local surveys
- campaign on local issues
- organise community events such as local galas.

How can I become a community councillor?

We encourage residents and local interest groups to get involved and become members of their local community council.

The next community elections start in February 2025. You can stand for election by completing and submitting a nomination form. Nominations open on 6 February 2025 and close on 27 February 2025. If there are more nominations than places on the community council, we'll have an election on 27 March 2025 when residents will vote for their preferred candidate.

You can get more information and nomination forms on [www.edinburgh.gov.uk / communitycouncils](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/communitycouncils)

There's also information about community councils on www.communitycouncils.scot If you have any questions email community.councils@edinburgh.gov.uk or call 0131 529 4494.



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