FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
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Don’t lose your voice! Register to vote ahead of local elections

As poll cards begin to land on doormats this week in preparation for the local elections, residents are being reminded to ensure they are registered to vote.

The elections are taking place on Thursday, May 2, when Fenland residents will have a chance to elect who represents them at parish, town and district level.

Poll cards are now being sent to all registered voters in the district. White poll cards will include details of the voter’s polling station and polling times, while new pink poll cards are being sent to anyone who votes by post.

Electors are being asked to check their poll cards carefully to see if the polling stations they have previously used have changed. The boundaries of some parish wards have been redrawn following the electoral boundary review and Whittlesey community governance review last year, and voters may find they have a different polling station.

A Fenland District Council spokesman said: “Poll cards are being delivered to people who are registered to vote. If you don’t receive yours you will need to make sure you are registered. Many people think they’re automatically registered because they pay council tax, but this isn’t true.

“If you have recently turned 18 or moved home, it is particularly important to ensure that you are registered to vote. Voting at local elections is your chance to have your say about who represents your views on local issues, so make sure you’re registered before the deadline.”

It is quick and easy to register by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. People will need their date of birth and national insurance number. The deadline to register is midnight on Friday, April 12, to be able to vote in the elections on May 2.

Residents who are unable to attend the polling station to vote may be able to vote by post or proxy. The deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on Monday, April 15. The deadline to apply for a proxy vote is 5pm on Wednesday, April 24. Application forms are available at www.yourvotematters.co.uk

Anyone wanting to check if they are registered to vote can contact Fenland District Council’s Elections team on 01354 654321 or email elections@fenland.gov.uk

For more information, visit: www.fenland.gov.uk/elections

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