FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
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Annual electoral registration canvass gets underway

Fenland residents are being urged to keep a look out for important information through the post as the district’s annual electoral canvass gets underway.

The annual canvass is a review of the electoral register, which Fenland District Council must carry out every year to ensure the register is up-to-date and that everyone who is entitled to vote can do so.

As part of the process, Household Enquiry Forms are being delivered to all households across the area asking residents if there are any changes regarding who is eligible to vote in that property.

Councillor Chris Boden, Fenland District Council’s Portfolio Holder for Finance with responsibility for Corporate Governance, said: “Forms will arrive through the post in the coming weeks. It is important residents respond so we can make sure we have the right details on the electoral register for every address in Fenland.

“Whether you choose to use your electoral vote or not is a personal choice, but if you don’t respond to the annual canvass request or provide false information on the form you may be liable to a fine of £1,000. The very last thing we want is for people to end up with fines like this and so we would ask that you give this your prompt attention.”

The forms explain how people can respond to the canvass. Responding online is quick and easy using the instructions on the form; it also means information is processed more quickly and efficiently and you don’t have to return the paper form. You can also respond by post.

Making sure you are registered means you have the right to vote at all elections and being registered could also improve your credit rating.

All properties are required to respond to the annual canvass, even if householders have recently registered or voted. People who have moved address recently are particularly encouraged to keep an eye out for the form and check the details.

For more information contact the Council’s elections team via email at: elections@fenland.gov.uk or call 01354 654321.

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