

News Release

Don't miss out on your chance to vote – make sure you're on the Electoral Register!

From next Monday (7 August) the council's annual Household Enquiry Forms will be dropping on residents' doormats right across Milton Keynes, to help people make sure they are on the Electoral Register.

If you're not on the register you can't vote - but registering couldn't be simpler

The forms are pre-printed with the information we currently have for your address – and even if there are no changes, you need to let us know, sooner rather than later.

You can update your information via the internet or by filling in the form and returning it – free of charge – to the elections team.

If the information is correct, please confirm this by:

- Visiting www.householdresponse.com/miltonkeynes OR
- Call 0800 197 9871 OR
- Text 80212 (texts are free)

And entering part 1 and part 2 of the security code which is on the letter.

If the information is wrong and you need to make changes (including adding and deleting people) you can also visit www.householdresponse.com/miltonkeynes and enter parts 1 and 2 of the security code.

In either case, if you don't have access to a phone or the internet simply complete the form and post it back to us in the envelope provided – postage is free.

New people being added to the register will also need to complete either an Invitation to Register form (which will be sent out to them) or go online to complete their registration at: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote-which-is-quicker

Canvassers will make follow up calls to properties that haven't responded by 20 September 2017.

MKC's Electoral Registration Officer Carole Mills said: "We're encouraging everyone who is eligible to vote to make sure their name is on the Electoral Register.

"The law requires us to carry out this check every year so that we can ensure our records are up to date when the latest Electoral Register is published on 1 December."

Being registered to vote enables you to make your voice heard locally, regionally and nationally if you then vote in the elections you are able to vote in, for example choosing a local councillor, Police & Crime Commissioner or MP.

There are other benefits to registering too. The Electoral Commission has set up a useful series of FAQs on its Your Vote Matters website, answering questions such as:

- How do I change my details on the electoral register?
- How do I check the electoral register?
- Can I register to vote over the phone?
- Do I need to re-register to vote if I move home?
- I'm a student – which address should I use to register to vote?

More information is available at:

<https://www.yourvotematters.co.uk/faq/registering-to-vote>