

LETTING COUNCIL MEETING ROOMS IN PRE-ELECTION PERIODS

- 1 The council normally has to avoid the use of council facilities which may generate party political publicity. There is guidance about council publicity available on the intranet, under Councillor/Committee Information.
- 2 However, the council has a duty to make meeting rooms available free of charge to candidates in the lead-up to an election, or to certain participants in a referendum. The list of premises available includes rooms in schools and in other buildings controlled by the council. The current list of premises is at the end of this guide along with the information given to candidates and agents.
- 3 Most of these rules apply at all times, and to every election and referendum. Depending on what the poll is, special rules and considerations apply. This note will be updated and re-issued before every election or referendum.
- 4 The right to use these rooms is expressly allowed for electioneering purposes. It overrides council policy on hall lets and the usual rules which prevent the use of council facilities for uses which might generate political publicity.
- 5 Council lets of premises not on this list can still be allowed during these periods where there is no risk of that sort of prohibited publicity. Those are subject to the council's normal rules and charges.
- 6 Apart from this statutory right, the general rules about the use of council facilities apply, and no-one should be allowed to use council premises where party political publicity might be generated.
- 7 The right only applies during a defined period before the election. This guidance will be updated to show the relevant dates for each election or referendum.
- 8 It only applies in the ward area in which the candidate is standing.
- 9 The right applies to any room, hall, gallery or gymnasium which is normally made available for public lets.
- 10 The designated rooms can be used free of the normal letting charge which would be payable. However, the council is entitled to recover the cost of:-
 - preparing the room for use
 - having someone there to allow the room to be used
 - heating and lighting the room
 - cleaning the room
 - restoring the room to its usual condition after the meeting
 - any damage done to the premises or furniture, fittings or apparatus

- 11 Imposing a letting charge is not permitted. It is a matter for management policy and practice as to whether costs for the other things are recovered.
- 12 Anyone wishing to use such a room must give reasonable notice. They are not entitled to interfere with use for educational purposes, or lets already arranged.
- 13 A request for free use of a meeting room will usually be made by the candidate or the election agent. Sometimes the request will come from someone else. Unless there is any reason to be concerned, the person's written confirmation that they have the necessary authority to make the request should be accepted at face value. There is no need to see written authorisation from the candidate or agent.
- 14 Information about those standing and those acting as agents can be obtained from the council's Election Team (elections@westlothian.gov.uk).

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ELECTION MEETING ROOMS

In the lead up to an election, candidates have a right to the use of designated premises for campaigning purposes. Registered campaigners have a similar right in the period before a referendum. These are the meeting rooms made available by West Lothian Council for those purposes.

The right to use them is subject to conditions which vary slightly depending on the election or referendum. The council cannot charge a letting fee, but it can recover heating and cleaning charges and the cost of any damage caused. Pre-existing lets will not be cancelled or over-ridden when a booking request is made.

The period covered is also variable, but is triggered by the date of publication of the formal Notice of Election or Notice of Referendum. It then runs until the day before polling day. This guidance will be updated when required to show the relevant dates.

Booking requests should be made using the contact details provided below. The list is maintained by the council's Governance Manager.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS				
*	Addiewell	Church Street, Addiewell, West Calder, EH55 8PG	01501 762794	wladiewell-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Armadale	Academy Street, Armadale, EH48 3JD	01501 730282	warmadale-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Balbardie	Torphichen Street, Bathgate, EH48 4HL	01506 652155	wlbaldardie-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Bankton	Kenilworth Rise, Dedridge, Livingston, EH54 6JL	01506 413001	wlbankton-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Bellsquarry	52 Calder Road, Bellsquarry, Livingston, EH54 9AD	01506 410777	wlbellsquarry-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Blackburn	Riddochhill Road, Blackburn, EH47 7HB	01506 653481	wblackburn-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Blackridge	Main Street, Blackridge, EH48 3RJ	01501 751223	wblackridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk

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>	Broxburn	School Lane, off West Main Street, Broxburn, EH52 5RP	01506 852018	wlbroxburn-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Carmondean	Knightsridge Road West, Livingston, EH54 8PX	01506 432492	wlcarmondean-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Croftmalloch	Via Raeburn Crescent, Whitburn, EH47 8HQ	01501 740506	wlcroftmalloch-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Deans	Deans South, Deans, Livingston, EH54 8DB	01506 411208	wlideans-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Dechmont Infant	Main Street, Dechmont, Broxburn, EH52 6LJ	01506 811264	wlddechmont-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Dedridge	Dedridge East, Livingston, EH54 6JQ	01506 412830	wldedridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk
>*	East Calder	9 Langton Road, East Calder, EH53 0BL	01506 880810	wleastcalder-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Eastertoun	13 Manse Avenue, Armadale, EH48 3HS	01501 730462	wleastertoun-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Falla Hill	Harthill Road, Fauldhouse, EH47 9HS	01501 770210	wfallahill-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Greenrigg	Polkemmet Road, Greenrigg, Harthill, ML7 5RF	01501 751334	wlgreenrigg-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Harrysmuir	Willowbank, Ladywell, Livingston, EH54 6HN	01506 434501	wlharrysmuir-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Holy Family RC	Glendevon Park, Winchburgh, EH52 6UE	01506 890208	whollyfamily-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Howden St Andrew's RC	Kingsport Avenue, Howden East, Livingston, EH54 6BA	01506 433114	wlowdenstandrews-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Kirkhill	Rashierig, Broxburn, EH52 6AW	01506 853821	wlkirkhill-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Kirknewton	21 Station Road, Kirknewton, EH27 8DD	01506 881461	wlkirknewton-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Knightsridge	Davidson Way, Knightsridge, Livingston, EH54 8HG	01506 434012	wknightsridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk

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*	Linlithgow Bridge	East Mill Road, Linlithgow Bridge, EH49 7PB	01506 671428	wlinlithgowbridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk
>*	Livingston Village	Kirkton North Road, Livingston Village, EH54 7EQ	01506 429620	wllivingstonvillage-ps@westlothian.org.uk
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	Low Port	Blackness Road, Linlithgow, EH49 7HZ	01506 842060	wllowport-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Meldrum	Westwood Park, Deans, Livingston, EH54 8NW	01506 280990	wlmeldrum-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Mid Calder	Main Street, Mid Calder, EH53 0RR	01506 882092	wlmidcalder-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Murrayfield	Catherine Terrace, Blackburn, EH47 7DX	01506 653400	wlmurrayfield-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Our Lady of Lourdes RC	Hopefield Road, Blackburn, EH47 7HZ	01506 653103	wloluradyoflourdes-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Our Lady's RC	79 Main Street, Stoneyburn, EH47 8BY	01501 762265	wloluradys-ps@westlothian.org.uk
		Stoneyburn Nursery Class	01501 763074	wloluradys-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Parkhead	Harburn Road, West Calder, EH55 8AH	01506 871404	wlparkhead-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Peel	Garden Place, Eliburn East, Livingston, EH54 6RA	01506 414892	wlpeel-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Polkemmet	The Avenue, Whitburn, EH47 0BX	01501 740319	wlpolkemmet-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Pumpherstons and Uphall Station Community	Drumshoreland Road, Pumpherston, EH53 0LF	01506 280995	wlpumpherstonsuphallst-ps@westlothian.org.uk

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*	Riverside	Maree Walk, Livingston, EH54 5BP	01506 432248	wlriverside-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Seafield	Cousland Terrace, Seafield, by Bathgate, EH47 7BL	01506 652916	wlseafield-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Simpson	Leyland Road, Wester Inch, Bathgate, EH48 2SG	01506 656371	wlsimpson-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Springfield	141 Springfield Road, Linlithgow, EH49 7SN	01506 847452	wlspringfield-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	St Anthony's RC	South Street, Armadale, EH48 3EU	01501 731668	wlstanthonys-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	St Columba's RC	Philip Avenue, Boghall, Bathgate, EH48 1NQ	01506 653822	wlstcolumbas-ps@westlothian.org.uk
		Nursery Class	01506 650536	wlstcolumbas-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	St John Ogilvie RC	Harburn Avenue, Deans, Livingston, EH54 8NQ	01506 412560	wlstjohnogilvie-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	St John The Baptist RC	Lanrigg Avenue, Fauldhouse, EH47 9JR	01501 770232	wlstjohnthebaptist-ps@westlothian.org.uk
		Nursery Class	01501 770782	wlstjohnthebaptist-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	St Joseph's RC (Linlithgow)	Preston Road, Linlithgow, EH49 6HB	01506 842578	wlstjosephlin-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	St Joseph's RC (Whitburn)	Gateside Road, Whitburn, EH47 0NJ	01501 740452	wlstjosephwhit-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	St Mary's RC (Bathgate)	Whitburn Road, Bathgate, EH48 2RD	01506 652511	wlstmarysbath-ps@westlothian.org.uk
		Nursery Class	01506 633106	wlstmarysbath-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	St Mary's RC (Polbeth)	10 Polbeth Road, Polbeth, West Calder, EH55 8SR	01506 871520	wlstmaryspol-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	St Nicholas RC	West Main Street, Broxburn, EH52 5RH	01506 853509	wlstnicholas-ps@westlothian.org.uk
		Nursery Class	01506 858907	wlstnicholas-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	St Ninian's RC	Douglas Rise, Dedridge, Livingston, EH54 6JR	01506 414612	wlstninians-ps@westlothian.org.uk

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	Stoneyburn	2 Main Street, Stoneyburn, EH47 8BA	01501 762253	wlstoneyburn-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Toronto	Howden East, Livingston, EH54 6BN	01506 431461	wltoronto-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Torphichen	The Loan, Torphichen, EH48 4NF	01506 652246	wltorphichen-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Uphall	Crossgreen Drive, Uphall, EH52 6DS	01506 852516	wluphall-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Westfield	Lomond View, Westfield, EH48 3DE	01506 634019	wlwestfield-ps@westlothian.org.uk
>	Whitdale	13 Spruce Drive, Whitburn, EH47 8JP	01501 740548	wlwhitdale-ps@westlothian.org.uk
>*	Williamston	Bankton Lane, Murieston, Livingston, EH54 9DQ	01506 415311	wlliamston-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Winchburgh	Glendevon Park, Winchburgh, EH52 6UE	01506 890202	wlinchburgh-ps@westlothian.org.uk
*	Windyknowe	Windyknowe Crescent, Bathgate, EH48 2BT	01506 652083	wlywindyknowe-ps@westlothian.org.uk
	Woodmuir	Woodmuir Place, Breich, EH55 8JP	01506 283337	wlowdmuir-ps@westlothian.org.uk

* Nursery class > Wraparound care centre

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Armadale Academy	West Main Street, Armadale, EH48 3LY	01506 282145	wllarmadale-ac@westlothian.org.uk
Bathgate Academy	Edinburgh Road, Bathgate, EH48 1LF	01506 653725	wlbathgate-ac@westlothian.org.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOLS			
Broxburn Academy	Cardross Road, Broxburn, EH52 6AG	01506 282300	wlbrouburn-ac@westlothian.org.uk
Deans Community High	Eastwood Park, Livingston, EH54 8PS	01506 282155	wldeans-chs@westlothian.org.uk
Inveralmond Community High	Willowbank, Ladywell, Livingston, EH54 6HN	01506 438093	wlinveralmond-chs@westlothian.org.uk
Linlithgow Academy	Braehead Road, Linlithgow, EH49 6EH	01506 843211	wllinlithgow-ac@westlothian.org.uk
St Kentigern's RC Academy	West Main Street, Blackburn, EH47 7LX	01506 656404	wlstkentigerns-ac@westlothian.org.uk
St Margaret's RC Academy	Howden South Road, Livingston, EH54 6AT	01506 497104	wlstmargarets-ac@westlothian.org.uk
The James Young High	Quentin Rise, Dedridge West, Livingston, EH54 6NE	01506 414244	wljamesyoung-hs@westlothian.org.uk
West Calder High	Limefield Lane, West Calder, EH55 8BF	01506 284950	wlwestcalder-hs@westlothian.org.uk
Whitburn Academy	Shanks Road, Whitburn, EH47 0HL	01501 740675	wlwhitburn-ac@westlothian.org.uk

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Blackburn Partnership Centre	Ashgrove, Blackburn, EH47 7LL	01506 283990/1	Fiona Paul Tel: 07500 835 916 fiona.paul@westlothian.gov.uk

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Carmondean	Fells Rigg, Livingston, EH54 8AX	01506 439568	Sandra McLaughlin Tel: 07771 864 513 sandra.mclaughlin@westlothian.gov.uk
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Craig Inn	Main Street, Blackridge, EH48 3SP	01501 753227	Laura Redmond Tel: 07771 505 370 laura.redmond@westlothian.gov.uk
Crofthead Farm	Templar Rise, Livingston, EH54 8DG	01506 775991	Peter Christie Tel: 07748 930 473 peter.christie@westlothian.gov.uk
Dechmont Memorial Hall	71 Main Street, Dechmont, EH52 6LJ (Contact Uphall Community Centre)	01506 811022	Linda Sayers Tel: 07733 002 690 linda.sayers@westlothian.gov.uk
East Calder Partnership Centre	139 Main Street, East Calder, EH53 0EP	01506 284020	Peter Christie Tel: 07748 930 473 peter.christie@westlothian.gov.uk
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Fauldhouse Partnership Centre	Lanrigg Road, Fauldhouse EH47 9JA	01501 773000	Joe Smith Tel: 07747 767 570 joseph.smith@westlothian.gov.uk
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Polbeth Community Centre	Polbeth Road, Polbeth, EH55 8SR	01506 871034	Peter Christie Tel: 07748 930 473 peter.christie@westlothian.gov.uk
Riverside*	Maree Walk, Livingston, EH54 5BP	01506 432248	wlriverside-ps@westlothian.org.uk
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