Dear Householder/Occupier

If your registration details have not changed you can confirm your registration by internet, freephone, or text message (SMS). Please see the detailed information below about how to confirm by one of these methods, all of which will save the council money compared with returning the enclosed household registration form. If you use one of these services, you will not need to return your paper form. Please have your form to hand when confirming registration using internet, freephone, or SMS.

Register by:

internet: (24 hours)

www.elecreg.co.uk/birmingham

If you wish to
• confirm that the details on the form are correct
• change whether the people listed on your form appear on the edited register and/or
• request a postal vote application form

then visit www.elecreg.co.uk/birmingham using the address bar on your internet browser. When prompted, please enter both parts of your security code.

Please type website address IN HERE:
www.elecreg.co.uk/birmingham

http://www.elecreg.co.uk/birmingham

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freephone: (24 hours)
0808 284 1505

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then call 0808 284 1505. When prompted, please enter both parts of your security code. You will be asked to key in your date of birth as a security measure.

(This service is free but mobile networks may charge)

sms: (24 hours) (standard network rates apply)
07786 209 405

If all the details on your form are correct, then text your two security codes, separated by a space, to 07786 209 405.

For example, if your Security Code Part 1 is 123456, and your Security Code Part 2 is 9876, you would text 123456 9876 to 07786 209 405.

You cannot amend your details regarding the edited register or request a postal vote application form.

DON'T LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

See reverse for frequently asked questions

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REGISTER AND HOW TO VOTE

What if no one is eligible to vote?

If no-one at your address is allowed to vote you must still return this form. Fill in parts 2 and 3.

IMPORTANT - If you are a citizen of a country NOT listed, you CANNOT vote - even if you are allowed to live in this country.

I live at two homes?

People who live at two homes are allowed to register for both, but cannot vote twice at the same election. For more advice ring the HELPLINE.

I'm a student living at two addresses?

Students living at a different address in term time **may register there and at their home address.** They may not vote twice at the same election.

I work abroad, or I'm homeless?

There are special rules to make registration and voting easier for:

- people living and working overseas
- homeless people
- remand prisoners
- mental health patients in care

They must NOT be included on your form. Please ring the HELPLINE for more details.

When will the next Election be held?

The next known elections are the local council elections on 3 May 2012.

Elections may be called at any time. There may be a Referendum to decide whether to have an elected Mayor and an election to appoint the Police Commissioner.

Confirming by phone in other languages

To confirm by phone in another language, please FREEPHONE 0808 284 1506. You may confirm in Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Polish, Punjabi, Somali, Urdu and Vietnamese.

IMPORTANT

You can be <u>removed</u> from the Voters' Register if you do not return the form. This means you could deny yourself and your household a vote and you could also have problems getting credit, as all major credit reference companies use the Voters' Register to check your address.

Nationality

Only British, Commonwealth, Irish & European Union citizens are allowed to vote. Your nationality will be shown on your passport.

EU citizens will be registered as local government electors only (except citizens of UK, Cyprus, Malta or the Irish Republic, who can vote in all elections). For more information about registering to vote in European Parliamentary elections, please ring the HELPLINE.

European citizens cannot vote at a Parliamentary General election.

Qualifying Commonwealth citizens are those who:

- have leave to enter or remain in the UK; or
- do not require such leave.

Commonwealth countries

Antigua and Barbuda	Kenya	Samoa
Australia	Kiribati	Seychelles
The Bahamas	Lesotho	Sierra Leone
Bangladesh	Malawi	Singapore
Barbados	Malaysia	Solomon Islands
Belize	Maldives	South Africa
Botswana	**Malta²**	Sri Lanka
Brunei Darussalam	Mauritius	Swaziland
Cameroon	Mozambique	United Republic of Tanzania
Canada	Namibia	Tonga
Cyprus²	Nauru	Trinidad & Tobago
Dominica	New Zealand	Tuvalu
Fiji Islands¹	Nigeria	Uganda
The Gambia	Pakistan	**United Kingdom²**
Ghana	Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu
Grenada	Rwanda	Zambia
Guyana	St Kitts & Nevis	Zimbabwe¹
India	St Lucia	
Jamaica	St Vincent & The Grenadines	

¹Citizens of Fiji and Zimbabwe retain their voting rights despite the countries having been suspended from the Commonwealth.
Hong Kong – special citizenship arrangements in place – register as for Commonwealth citizens.

British Overseas Territories

Anguilla	Gibraltar
Bermuda	Montserrat
British Antarctic Territory	Pitcairn Island
British Indian Ocean Territory	St Helena
British Virgin Islands	St Helena dependencies
Cayman Islands	(Ascension Island, Tristan da Cunha)
Falkland Islands	South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands
	Turks and Caicos Islands

European Union Member States

Austria (AT)	Germany (DE)	The Netherlands (NL)
Belgium (BE)	Greece (GR)	Poland (PL)
Bulgaria (BG)	Hungary (HU)	Portugal (PT)
Cyprus²	**Republic of Ireland²**	Romania (RO)
Czech Republic (CZ)	Italy (IT)	Slovakia (SK)
Denmark (DK)	Latvia (LV)	Slovenia (SI)
Estonia (EE)	Lithuania (LT)	Spain (ES)
Finland (FI)	Luxembourg (LU)	Sweden (SE)
France (FR)	**Malta²**	**United Kingdom²**

²Citizens of the UK, Republic of Ireland, Cyprus and Malta are eligible to be registered to vote in respect of all elections held in the UK.

STOP!!!!!!!
COULD YOU HAVE CONFIRMED BY FREEPHONE, TEXT OR INTERNET?

IF YOUR DETAILS HAVE NOT CHANGED WHY NOT USE THE FREEPHONE INTERNET OR TEXT SERVICE OVERLEAF.