The Dunbar Hustings included many aspects of the nine questions that ELCC had sent to Sustaining Dunbar ready for their April event. The Hustings organisers had asked the six political parties, represented in the Scottish parliament as it dissolved, to send a representative: SNP, Conservative, Labour, Greens, Lib Dems and Reform. The pre-submitted questions also came from other organisations and members of the public.
Hosted by Sustaining Dunbar on April 22nd 2026, the questions to the panel covered: Climate targets, Environment, Energy, Refugees & immigration, Cost of living, and Coasts. Time constraints meant that questions about Transport, AI, MSPs standing down and Housing could not be covered.

> "How will your policies for Food and Farming incentivise farmers to move away from harmful practices that undermine biodiversity and pollute our rivers in favour of regenerative farming?" non-ELCC husting question

Separately ELCC had emailed the Constituency candidates our list of nine questions, for their own direct response. We will add these to the website as they continue to respond.
Constituency of East Lothian coast and Lammermuirs – six candidates.
There are also 22 parties or independent candidates for the Regional list of Edinburgh and Lothians East. Those voting on May 7th 2026 get two votes.

Linked to our Q.1 Q.2 Q.3 Q.6
Many local residents want a pause on large-scale energy and data-centre developments until a clear national framework is agreed, and greater transparency in how decisions are made. How would you balance national energy needs with genuine local democratic accountability in the Energy Consents Unit?
"Berwick Bank would be a very large offshore wind development close to sensitive seabird feeding grounds. How should Scotland weigh renewable energy expansion against ecological risk, and would you support developments proceeding where impacts remain uncertain?"

Linked to our Q.7, Q.4
Rural households face higher costs for heating and transport. What targeted support would you prioritise for rural communities on heating oil and fuel costs? Would new drilling in the North Sea lower bills or improve energy security?

Linked to our Q. 9
What part should nuclear energy have in our energy future? As Torness approaches the end of its operational life, what steps would you take to ensure a fair transition for workers and the local community while maintaining Scotland's energy security.

The event ended with a quick-fire "Would you support holding a referendum within the next 5 years on Independence for Scotland?" and a more on-the-spot
"Which public figure would you most like to have dinner with, and why?"