**Agenda**

2pm Monday 10 January 2022

[*Meeting via Teams*](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3Ameeting_MzY5ZWNmNWUtZTg2OC00NGZhLTgyOWEtNjRjNDQ3YzA1MTFi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22482a4ef9-66e4-4e76-9f24-6da09a713ed4%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22f6620c1e-0047-4737-9a45-dd9ed0d8a24c%22%7d)

**MEETING ADMIN**

1. Apologies
2. Note of Previous Meeting 28 October 2021 & any Matters Arising - *circulated*

**EMB WORK PROGRAMME**

1. Preparation for Scottish Local Government Elections 5 May 2022
	1. Directions from the Convener and Print Timetable – *circulated*
	2. Adjudication of doubtful papers– *oral* *update*
	3. Print Contingency – *oral update*
	4. eCount for 2022 Scottish Local Government Elections Update - *to follow*

Note that eCount Project Bulletins are available on the EMB website at[*https://www.emb.scot/downloads/download/138/ecounting-bulletins-2022*](https://www.emb.scot/downloads/download/138/ecounting-bulletins-2022)

* 1. Public Health Scotland: impact of Coronavirus on election delivery – *oral update*
	2. Joint Seminar with the Electoral Commission 27 January 2022
		1. Programme – *circulated*
		2. Delivery: virtual vs in person

**GENERAL UPDATES**

1. Local Government By-elections
	1. Log of By-elections scheduled as at 6 January 2022 – *circulated*
2. Scottish Government General Update – *to follow*
3. UK Government – *oral update*
	1. UK Elections Bill – *noting evidence given to* [*Scottish Parliament Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee*](https://archive2021.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=13420&mode=pdf) *on 18 November*
	2. Written Ministerial Statement and Policy Statement 6 January 2021 – *previously circulated*
		1. Written Ministerial Statement: <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2022-01-06/hcws525>
		2. Policy statement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/voter-identification-at-polling-stations-and-the-new-voter-card>
4. Electoral Commission General Update
	1. Public Awareness activities for the Scottish Council Elections 5 May 2022
5. Electoral Registration Update from the Electoral Registration Committee of the SAA – *oral update*
6. Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland- *oral* *update*
7. AEA update

**INFORMATION**

1. EMB Logo – previously *circulated*
2. Any Other Business

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS / WORK SCHEDULE**

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| **Month** | **All at 2pm, *Teams as default*** | **Notes** |
| January 2022 | 27 January | Joint EMB/Electoral Commission seminar in January 2022 date to be determined. |
| February 2022 | 24 February |   |
| March 2022 | 24 March |   |
| April 2022 | 28 April | Final meeting before 5 May polling/ 6 May eCount  |
| June 2022 | 23 June | Opportunity for initial feedback on the conduct of the election |