Elections
Scotland

Agenda

(Interim) Electoral Management Board for Scotland

Wednesday 9 March 2011, 3:00pm
City of Edinburgh Council Headquarters
Chief Executive's Boardroom, Waverley Court, East Market Street, Edinburgh

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ADMINSTRATION ITEMS

1.0   Apologies

2.0   Note of Previous Meeting (18 January 2011) *(circulated)*

    2.1   Matters Arising

POLICY ITEMS

3.0   Future Remit and Status of the Board

    3.1   Standing Orders / Remit and Electoral Management Board for Scotland Working Procedures – *Progress Update*

    3.2   Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Bill

        3.2.1   Evidence given to Local Government and Communities Committee, 2 March 2011 re Stage 2 of the Local Electoral Administration Bill

4.0   Planning for future elections

    4.1   Preparation for 5 May 2011 (Scottish Parliamentary Elections & UK Referendum)

        4.1.1   Legislation

            4.1.1.1   Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill - *(Update from Scotland Office)*

        4.1.2   Fees and Charges Orders *(Update from Scotland Office)*

            4.1.2.1   Scottish Parliamentary elections *(circulated)*

            4.1.2.2   UK Referendum (draft) *(circulated)*

        4.1.3   Guidance and Directions from the Chief Counting Officer

            4.1.3.1   Guidance/ Instructions / Directions / Forms / Templates

4.1.3.2   Matters raised at the Electoral Commission Briefing Event on 24 February

4.1.3.2.1 Issue of Postal Votes to electors registered under the 11 day rule (*note circulated form Gordon Blair***)**

4.1.3.2.2 Spring Polls Bulletins

4.1.3.2.3 Other Comments

4.1.4 Consistency Issues

4.1.4.1   Timing of Scottish Parliamentary Counts - *update*

4.1.4.2   Ballot Papers

4.1.4.2.1 Design

4.1.4.2.1.1   Scottish Parliament

4.1.4.2.1.2   Referendum

4.1.4.2.2 Tactile Devices

4.1.4.3   Polling – issue of ballot papers at polling stations

4.1.4.4   Count Processes

4.1.4.4.1 Collation of Regional Referendum Result

4.1.4.5   Postal Voting Issues

4.1.4.5.1 Combined Issue

4.1.4.5.2 Royal Mail Sweep

4.1.4.5.3 Collections from Polling Places during the poll

4.2   Preparation for Scottish Local Government Elections 2012

4.2.1 Legislation *(Update from Scottish Government)*

4.2.2 E Counting Project *(update)*

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.0   IEMB Information Bulletin – **March 2011** *Update*

6.0   Briefing to MPs – *10 March 2011 at Westminster*

7.0   Regional Returning Officers' Group and associated meetings

(Papers available at http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/elections/elections-and-referendums-working-groups)

7.1 **Elections and Referendums Steering Group Agenda and Papers –** *Update from Convener*

7.2 **Elections & Registrations Working Group Agenda and Papers –** *Update from Secretary*

8.0 **Scottish Political Parties Panel: Tuesday 25 January 2011**

 8.1 **Feedback**

 8.2 **Issues for future meetings**

9.0 **Boundary Issues**

CONSULTATION ITEMS

10.0 **Consultations**

 10.1 **None Current**

11.0 **Any Other Business**

12.0 **Dates of Next Meetings: to be confirmed**

- Wed 6 April - 3.00 pm

- Wed 11 May - 3.30 pm

- Wed 8 June - 2.30 pm

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