

Agenda

Electoral Management Board for Scotland

Wednesday 10 August 2011, 3:00pm
Boardroom, City of Edinburgh Council Headquarters
Waverley Court, East Market Street, Edinburgh

ADMINISTRATION

- 1.0 Apologies
- 2.0 Note of Previous Meeting (8 June 2011)
 - 2.1 Matters Arising

BOARD WORK PROGRAMME / POLICY & PLANNING

- 3.0 Issues arising from 5 May Electoral Events: Scottish Parliamentary Elections and Referendum on the Voting System for UK Parliamentary Elections
 - 3.1 Letter (6 July) from Chair of the Electoral Commission, responding to Board's letter of 14 June – *both letters circulated*
 - 3.2 Letter to Electoral Commission re Fees and Charges Reporting – *circulated*
 - 3.3 Referendum Verification and Count Timing - *circulated*
- 4.0 Preparation for Scottish Local Government Elections 2012
 - 4.1 Legislation (*Update from Scottish Government*)
 - 4.1.1 SOLAR Comments on draft legislation - *circulated*
 - 4.2 E Counting Project (*Update from Scottish Government*)
 - 4.2.1 Contract Issues
 - 4.2.2 User Acceptance Testing
 - 4.2.3 Bulk Testing

- 5.0 EMB Work Programme for 2011/12 – Proposed elements**
 - 5.1 Guidance / Direction around timetable – e.g. postal voting**
 - 5.2 Consistent “Purdah” / Pre-election period rules for 2012**
 - 5.3 AVI Training – Training and Refresher courses for ROs / DROs**
 - 5.4 Forms Working Group**
 - 5.5 Count Issues: Timing, Recount and Adjudication guidance/directions**
- 6.0 Absent Vote Identifier Refresh**
 - 6.1 Electoral Commission Circular and ERO/SAA Comments - *circulated***
- 7.0 EMB Administration**
 - 7.1 Status of the Board**
 - 7.2 Board Membership**
 - 7.3 Support / Secretariat**

INFORMATION

- 8.0 Royal Mail issues**
- 9.0 By-elections - *update***
- 10.0 Regional Returning Officers’ Group and associated meetings**

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

 - 10.1 Elections and Referendums Steering Group Agenda and Papers – *Update from Convener***
 - 10.2 Elections & Registrations Working Group Agenda and Papers – *Update from Secretary***
- 11.0 Scottish Political Parties Panel – Issues for future meetings**
- 12.0 Boundary Issues**

12.1 Hugh Buchanan to attend October meeting of EMB

13.0 Review of Electoral Law

14.0 Individual Registration – *paper circulated*

CONSULTATIONS

15.0 Consultations

15.1 Elections to the Crofting Commission – *paper circulated*

16.0 Any Other Business

17.0 Dates of Meetings

17.1 Proposal to align with COLSA Leaders' Meetings and SOLACE

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