**Agenda**

2pm Thursday 21 February 2019

Board Room

Waverley Court, East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG

**MEETING ADMIN**

1. Note of Previous Meeting 29 November 2018 *(circulated)*
2. Apologies / Matters Arising

**BOARD UPDATES**

1. Discussion of North Antrim Recall Petition – led by Virginia McVea, Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland
2. Open Discussion – approach and operation of the EMB, potential lessons for EONI
3. Electoral Commission Update
4. Scottish Government Update
   1. eCount procurement for 2022; Joint Project Report - *to follow*
5. Scotland Office / Cabinet Office Update - *to follow*
6. Electoral Registration Update from the Electoral Registration Committee of the SAA
7. Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland – Review of Islands Council areas – update from the Convener
8. Consultation on Prisoner Voting (deadline 8 March 2019) – EMB Response
9. Issues Raised by RO Teams for discussion: Preparation for unscheduled events; UK Parliamentary Boundary Review; Forensic Science Training

**EMB WORK PROGRAMME & RESOURCES**

1. Local Council by-elections – upcoming events ([log of by-elections since May 2017](http://www.electionsscotland.info/info/5/electoral_management_board/92/log_of_council_by-elections))
2. Promoting Resilience and Preparedness in Electoral Administration
   1. Contingency and Preparation for unscheduled events – Update and Discussion
   2. Returning Officer and Election Team Training Event 24 January 2019 Glasgow – review and follow up
   3. RO Mentoring Scheme (RO groupings, schedule and topics) *–* update
      1. DRO level subgroups
3. EMB Financial Statement (*circulated*)
   1. Draft Budget for 2019/2020 (*circulated*)
4. EMB Annual Report

**INFORMATION**

1. Regional Returning Officers’ Group / EAB / ECAB and associated meetings
   1. EAB/ERRWG updates - ECAB 14 February - *agenda circulated for info*
2. Scottish Parliament Political Parties Panel (SPPPP) 8 February 2019 – *agenda circulated for info*
3. Any Other Business

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS - 2019**

Thursday prior to SOLACE /COSLA Leaders Meetings, venues to be determined