



## ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR SCOTLAND

### **REPORT                      e-Counting Project 2017 – Update as at August 2015**

### **MEETING    28 August 2015**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. This is the latest update on the current status of the preparatory work which is underway in relation to the e-Counting Project 2017.

#### **PROCUREMENT PROCESS UPDATE**

2. Following a detailed review of the tender submissions, both bidders, Indra Sistemas UK and CGI, were asked to provide a written response to a number of clarification points by early August. Members of the evaluation panel have now met with both bidders, with each bidder given a day to present their approach to implementing the project, speak to the clarification points and demonstrate their solutions in a mock count centre setting. Both of these days were held within Edinburgh Park and not Saughton as previously advised.
3. Members of the evaluation panel have therefore had a further opportunity to review their scores on the quality of the bids within the evaluation model.
4. The panel has now determined that some additional clarification is required from both bidders, and a deadline of 21 August 2015 has been set. The panel will convene again in week commencing 24 August to consider the further submissions, revisit the scoring matrix and hopefully identify a preferred bidder. It is anticipated that this further clarification phase will not have a material impact of the overall project timetable contained in my report to the July meeting.
5. As this report is being prepared on 13 August an oral update will be given at the next meeting of the Board on 28 August 2015.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

6. The Board is invited to:

- note the current status of preparatory work to procure an e-counting solution for the 2017 local government elections.

D McGregor,

Edinburgh,

13 August 2015