**Agenda**

2pm Wednesday 27 January 2021

*Meeting via MS Teams,* [*invitation previously circulated*](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTdhN2Q4ZmUtMDFjZS00ZmIyLTk5NDItYTcxMWJjOTIzOTQ1%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. Note of Previous Meeting 16 December 2020 *- circulated*
2. Apologies / Matters Arising

**EMB WORK PROGRAMME**

1. Scottish Parliament Election 6 May 2021 overall review of current position
   1. Update on the [Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill](https://beta.parliament.scot/bills/Scottish-General-Election-Coronavirus-Bill)
   2. Further Advice to Ministers on the need for multiple days of poll – *draft circulated*
   3. Additional Directions to ROs from the Convener of the EMB – *draft* *circulated*
   4. Review of [Directions already issued](https://www.emb.scot/downloads/file/482/sp2021-directions) – *oral update*
   5. Current Registration issues
   6. Joint January Event Briefing Event *–update to follow*
   7. Updated Risk Register *– to follow*
   8. Police Scotland support for ROs and EROS – Supt Gerry Corrigan, National SPOC
   9. Fees and Charges Order – *paper to follow from Scottish Government*
   10. Potential Seminar with [Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure](https://www.cpni.gov.uk/national-security-threats) (CPNI) – *oral update with respect to threats to elections*
2. Preparation for Scottish Local Government Elections 5 May 2022
   1. eCount for 2022 Scottish Local Government Elections – *update* *to follow*
3. Referendum Guidance – *oral update*

**GENERAL UPDATES**

1. Local Government By-elections
   1. Log of By-elections scheduled through March 2021 - *circulated*
   2. Observations from Electoral Commission – [*key lessons learned from our observations of the Scottish Council by-elections held in the autumn of 2020 under coronavirus restrictions*](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/our-views-and-research/our-research/conducting-elections-under-coronavirus-restrictions)*.*
2. Scottish Government General Update - *to follow*
3. Electoral Commission General Update – *oral update*
4. Electoral Registration Update from the Electoral Registration Committee of the SAA - *to follow*
5. Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland update

**INFORMATION**

1. Regional Returning Officers’ Group / ECAB and associated meetings
2. Scottish Parliament Political Parties Panel – *oral update*
3. AEA Branch Update *to follow*
4. EMB Financial Statement *– to follow*
5. Any Other Business

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS - 2021:**

* 24 February 2021
* 24 March 2021
* 28 April 2021

Other meetings may be required in response to immediate issues.