



eCOUNTING 2022


INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Welcome to the ninth project bulletin for eCounting 2022.

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<p>Info</p>	<p>General</p> <p>In addition to this being circulated to the wider election community please feel free to circulate to others in your wider teams.</p> <p>eCounting has now transitioned into the final phase ie Stage 4 – delivery. The testing programme was successfully completed at the end of Stage 3, and the system has been fully signed off via the User Acceptance Group and the algorithm used to run the count engine formally accredited.</p>
<p>Info</p>	<p>Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&As No 4 Q&A No 4 accompanies this Bulletin and again new information since edition No 3 is highlighted in yellow. • Easyprint – You may already be aware Idox have already uploaded the official marks (as agreed by the EMB) to Easyprint for Councils to sign off. Most councils have locked down their EasyPrint order and signed off their envelopes, the next step for Councils is the confirming of mailers so the printer can create proofs that will also require sign off by Royal Mail. • Print Inspection – Just a reminder of the options for print inspection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visit to the Printer ○ Live Inspection Box – costs previously provided You can access the print Quality Control Checklists below <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <small>Checklist - Ballot Books 2022_v1.pdf</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <small>Checklist - Postal Voting Packs 2022_v</small> </div> </div> • EMS Systems – Idox are working closely with Democracy Counts to ensure there are no issues relating to print requirements for non-Idox customers. • Implementation Plan – The template Implementation Plan embedded at the end of this paragraph contains eCounting specifics eg key deliverables, contact information, delivery plan for polling week, Count Centre information, Count Centre Security, Layout Plans, contingency plans and print materials will be developed into a bespoke Implementation Plan for your eCount. Your Regional Manager will work closely with you and your team to achieve this which will assist in the successful delivery of eCounting in May 2022.

	<div style="text-align: center;">  eCount_xxx_Council_Implementation_Plan </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eCount Contingency arrangements – As detailed in Chris Highcock’s email of 18.1.22 Supplementary Guidance to support ROs in delivering safe elections for voters, candidates, agents and staff has been reviewed and updated. The current version is available for download from the 2022 downloads area. The guidance itself is here. The eCount Project Team and your Fujitsu Regional Manager will work closely with you to assist and support your eCount arrangements but, as I am sure you will appreciate, they are ONLY in a position to give instructions on your eCount contingency. How the RO plans the count operation overall, taking account of current Covid guidance on distancing etc is for the RO to determine.
Action	Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eLearning – As advised in Bulletin 8 the eLearning has now been rolled out to the User Group (and ROs) for sharing with their eCount Teams. Face to Face Training – This Training will build on the eLearning for eCount Teams. The User Group have been asked to confirm details for attendees by Monday 31 January 2022 and thereafter final training details will be shared with Councils. Refresher Training at Count Venue – A reminder that refresher training (and training for Scanning Operators and Marshalls) will be scheduled for the Wednesday of the week of the poll as agreed with your Regional Manager and also detailed in your Implementation Plan.
Info	eCount By-elections The eCount system has been successfully rolled out at the previous 2 By-elections and has performed as expected with no issues and the same is expected for the East Lothian Council By-election eCount on Friday 21 January 2022.
EC and EMB Joint Briefing Event - Thursday 27 January 2022 The Electoral Commission emailed ROs and EROs on Wednesday 12 January 2022 to advise this event will be online only via Teams. Contact infoscotland@electoralcommission.org.uk if you require any further details.	

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