**Agenda**

2pm Thursday 24 February 2022

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**MEETING ADMIN**

1. Apologies
2. Note of Previous Meeting 10 January 2022 & any Matters Arising - *circulated*

**EMB WORK PROGRAMME**

1. Preparation for Scottish Local Government Elections 5 May 2022
	1. Briefing for Returning Officers and Electoral Registration Offices, 27 January 2022 – *Review*, *update from Electoral Commission / EMB Members*
	2. eCount for 2022 Scottish Local Government Elections Update - *to follow*

Note that eCount Project Bulletins are available on the EMB website at[*https://www.emb.scot/downloads/download/138/ecounting-bulletins-2022*](https://www.emb.scot/downloads/download/138/ecounting-bulletins-2022)

* 1. Forms Working Group – *oral* *update*
	2. Public Health Scotland: impact of Coronavirus on election delivery – *oral update*
	3. 2022 Local Government Candidate Diversity Survey – *oral update*
1. Review of Electoral Commission Returning Officer Performance Standards – *Mel Davidson to lead discussion*

**GENERAL UPDATES**

1. Local Government By-elections – Review since 2007
2. Scottish Government General Update – *to follow*
3. UK Government – Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities: Elections and Registration Update - March 2022 – *circulated*
	1. UK Elections Bill – Expert Panel Update / Feedback
4. Electoral Commission General Update – *to follow*
	1. Party Conferences – Fringe events
	2. Engagement with ROs
5. Electoral Registration Update from the Electoral Registration Committee of the SAA – *oral update*
6. AEA update – oral update

**INFORMATION**

1. Consultations / Evidence
	1. Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill
2. Any Other Business

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS / WORK SCHEDULE**

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| **Month** | **All at 2pm, *Teams as default*** | **Notes** |
| March 2022 | 24 March |   |
| April 2022 | 28 April | Final meeting before 5 May polling/ 6 May eCount  |
| June 2022 | 23 June | Opportunity for initial feedback on the conduct of the election |