**Agenda**

2pm 8 June 2023

*[Meeting via Teams](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3Ameeting_ZDU2ZDE0MGYtZjZmNS00YjM1LWIyNjctZDEwZDA1MDRlZmJj%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. Apologies
2. Previous Meeting 25 January 2023 (*circulated*)

**EMB WORK PROGRAMME**

1. Update on actions following January EMB Planning Day – *circulated*
2. Accessibility Subgroup – *oral* *update*
3. EMB Forms Group – *oral update*
4. Elections Funding
	1. Staff Fees - *paper circulated for information*
	2. Holiday Pay for elections staff – *oral update*
5. Liaison Programme with English Councils: Lessons from observation at polling at English Council elections 4 May 2023 – *initial conclusions circulated*
6. RO/ERO Joint EMB & Electoral Commission Conference 6 October 2023 – *“hold the date” email circulated*
7. Preparation for UK Parliamentary General Election – *general* *oral update*
	1. Elections Act 2022: Next Stages – *circulated*
	2. Divergence issues - *oral update*
8. Statutory Reviews of Polling Arrangements – *circulated*
9. Response to [Scottish Government Consultation on Electoral Reform](https://www.gov.scot/publications/electoral-reform-consultation/#:~:text=This%20consultation%20seeks%20to%20deliver,young%20people%20and%20foreign%20nationals.) – *circulated*
10. Guidance for the delivery of a Scottish Independence Referendum – *oral update*
11. eCounting for 2027 General Strategy – *oral update from Convener*

**GENERAL UPDATES**

1. Fujitsu Review of delivery of by-elections since May 2022 - *circulated*
2. Scottish Government General Update
	1. [Review of Prisoner Voting](https://links.uk.defend.egress.com/Warning?crId=6475bd809527e09eaf1aa1c6&Domain=edinburgh.gov.uk&Lang=en&Base64Url=eNo1TTEOAjEMewxio1fEWIkNZqT7QWlz10ilqZJcj4m30wox2JZiO06qVZy1-75PK7VJAqmt2zNj8IpUxDJUYjWVUagAm0aKZTUjqCjJRGiUG0QDGcKvcnAfp_DW682rP17OC9Ory31-dJYOLHH8BznpxoUacD_SMtw0xhR4FP6b8gVPtjzF) –*to note*
3. UK Government – Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities: Elections and Registration Update
	1. [Ballot Secrecy Act 2023](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2023/12/contents/enacted)  - *to note*
	2. Updated Security Advice for Elections – [note update from Cabinet Office](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/security-guidance-for-may-2021-elections#full-publication-update-history) for information
	3. UK Funding Working Group - *oral update*
4. Electoral Commission General Update – *oral update*
5. Electoral Registration Update from the Electoral Registration Committee of the SAA update
6. AEA update *to follow*
7. Boundaries Issues - *update from Scottish Boundary Commissions*

**INFORMATION**

1. EMB Admin
	1. Membership – ROvacancy *circulated*
	2. Appointment of Vice Convener - *oral update*
2. Log of local government by-elections - *circulated*
3. Potential Recall Petition Rutherglen and Hamilton West – *oral update*
4. Any Other Business

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Further dates to be agreed