**EMB 7 JUNE 2024 – PRE-ELECTION MONITORING**

**AGENDA**

1. Actions from 30 May to Note – recommendation issued with respect to deadline for determination of postal votes (*attached*)
2. Progress through delivery timeline
   1. Notice of Election
   2. Notice of Poll etc today
   3. Print
3. Issues raised with EMB
   1. Staffing
   2. Nomination issues
4. Police Scotland
   1. Letter to ROs (sample *attached*)
   2. SPOC Briefing
5. Risks for awareness
6. Other issues for awareness/discussion/action
   1. Signature verification workshops

**EMB 14 JUNE 2024 – PRE-ELECTION MONITORING**

**AGENDA**

1. Actions from 7 June  to Note
   1. Convener has written to ACC Ritchie with respect to Police Scotland Letter (attached); meeting scheduled for  18 June
   2. Email to Royal Mail and subsequent meeting with respect to concerns delay to timed deliveries
   3. Signature Verification Workshops – Forensic Service today and Wednesday 19 June
2. Progress through delivery timeline
   1. Nominations complete; minor issues but no concerns
   2. 424 candidates in Scotland across the 57 constituencies  (record of 4514 across UK); at least 5 in each constituency) attached
   3. Print – all poll cards/letters dispatched; PV mailers in production
3. Issues raised with EMB
   1. Staffing – no ongoing concerns;  general perception that all are staffed but level of experience is lower
   2. Data from EMS for signature verification in some ROs (Borders, Ayrshires, Fife, Highland)
   3. Volume of correspondence from UK Gov re security
4. Police Scotland
   1. SPOC Briefing delivered 13 June
5. Risks for awareness
   1. Registration Volumes
   2. Postal Vote Volumes and risk of high volumes of manual issues
6. Other issues for awareness/discussion/action
   1. 2 by-elections yesterday: Clydebank Central and Tain and Easter Ross

**EMB 21 JUNE 2024 – PRE-ELECTION MONITORING**

**AGENDA**

1. Actions from 14 June to Note
   1. Further communications with Royal Mail around Poll Card deliveries preparation for Postal Vote dispatch
   2. Signature Verification Workshops – Forensic Service Wednesday 19 June around 60 at each of the 2 sessions
2. Progress through delivery timeline
   1. Registration Deadline 18 June midnight
   2. Postal Vote deadline 19 June 5pm
   3. Dispatch of postal votes recommended 18/19 June
3. Issues raised with EMB
   1. PV production and deliveries
   2. Livestream of counts
   3. Security at polling and count
   4. Rapid VIDEFF reporting
4. Police Scotland
5. Risks for awareness
   1. Postal Vote Volumes and risk of high volumes of manual issues
   2. Reliance on Royal Mail
   3. Reliance on printer

Other issues for awareness/discussion/action

**EMB 27 JUNE 2024 – PRE-ELECTION MONITORING**

As previously scheduled, **there will be a meeting of the EMB today (27 June) at 9am**, an invitation has already been circulated or the meeting can be joined by the link below.  This will be an opportunity to discuss any current issues around the delivery of the election.   We are now well into the timetable with the deadline having passed for registration and for requesting a postal vote.

**AGENDA**

1. Actions from 21 June to Note
   1. **PV production and deliveries (inc Royal Mail Issues) – Main topic for today.**
   2. Security at polling and count
   3. Rapid VIDEFF reporting
2. Progress through delivery timeline
   1. Dispatch of final postal packs - update
   2. Deadline for proxy applications
   3. Deadline for VACs - update
   4. SIENA
   5. FIENA (today) and final electorate figures
3. Issues raised with EMB
   1. PV production and Royal Mail deliveries
4. Police Scotland
5. Risks for awareness
   1. manual issues
   2. Reliance on Royal Mail
   3. Reliance on printers
   4. Polling Staffing
   5. Security at Count (Dundee)
6. Other issues for awareness/discussion/action

Background – (email re postal issues, [BBC story](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cqee6e5me1qo), analysis of PV 2nd issue)