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14:00 16 February 2024

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**MEETING ADMIN**

1. Apologies
2. Note of Previous Meeting 13 December 2023 (*circulated*)
   1. Actions from January 23 Planning Day for noting – (*circulated*)

**EMB WORK PROGRAMME**

1. Accessibility Subgroup Update
   1. Recommendations: Measures to improve accessibility during elections (Immediate Actions) – (*circulated)*
   2. Other Workstreams (*oral updates*)
      1. Medium Term (2026) – Tactile and Audio Pilots
      2. Longer Term (2027) – Digital options
   3. Accessibility Project Manager (*oral update*)
2. EMB Forms Group (*oral update*)
   1. MS Teams channel for collaboration on forms
3. Preparation for UK Parliamentary General Election – *(general oral update)* 
   1. Potential Recommendations for ROs and EROs for UKPGE in 2024
   2. Public Awareness – Voter ID & Postal Vote Handling - *discussion*
   3. Elections Act 2022:– *oral update on UK Elections Act issues (Voter ID, OAVA, Overseas Electors, Postal Vote Handling and Secrecy, Accessibility)*
   4. Divergence issues
      1. Update on Divergence issues – *(oral update)*
4. Electronic Vote Counting 2027 and by-elections – *(circulated)*
5. EMB & Electoral Commission Joint Seminars –[Postal Vote Handing](https://youtu.be/EPCJaiMh-M0) – (*oral update)*
6. Capacity Building and Resilience – Discussion Paper *(circulated)*

**GENERAL UPDATES**

1. Scottish Government General Update – *(circulated)*
2. Standards, Procedures, and Public Appointments Committee evidence session / written evidence - Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill 21 March 2024
3. UK Government – Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities: Elections and Registration Update
   1. UK Funding Working Group *–* final guidance *(to follow)*
   2. Election Pay Rates - *(circulated)*
   3. Response from Simon Hoare (UK Minister for Elections) with respect to Funding - *(circulated)*
4. Electoral Commission General Update – (*to follow)*
5. Electoral Registration Update from the Electoral Registration Committee of the SAA update – (*to follow)*
   1. Actions from Registration Roundtable (Thursday 7 December 2023) – *(circulated)*
6. AEA update (*to follow*)
7. Boundaries Issues (*to follow*)

**INFORMATION**

1. EMB Administration
   1. Membership
   2. EMB Annual Report *– (circulated)*
   3. EMB Funding *– (oral update)*
2. Local Government By-elections
   1. Updated Log of local government by-elections - *(circulated)*
   2. Fujitsu Quarterly Review January 2024 - *(circulated)*
3. Any Other Business

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS** (subject to confirmation of date of UKPGE) 10 May 1000-1130 / 7 August 1400-1530 / 12 November 1400-1530