**Agenda**

14:00 26 June 2025

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*Or in person: Mandela Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh*

**Presentation by Andrew Kerr OBE:**  **Process for Determining Electoral Boundaries in Scotland – *paper circulated***

**MEETING ADMIN**

1. Apologies
2. Action Note, Meeting of EMB 24 April 2025 – *circulated*

**UK PARLIAMENTARY GENERAL ELECTION 4 JULY 2024**

1. Postal Vote/Print Roundtable –Letter to UK Minister – *circulated*

**EMB GENERAL WORKSTREAMS**

1. Local Government By-elections - *circulated*
2. Scottish Parliament By-election in the Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse constituency
3. Manual Verification and Count: Good Practice – *circulated*
4. Accessibility Subgroup – *general* *update*
   1. Tactile and Audio Workstream update - circulated
   2. Access to Elected Office Fund
   3. Electoral Commission - Accessibility Guidance for Returning Officers – Advance notice of consultation

**PREPARATION FOR SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ELECTION MAY 2026**

1. Legislation, Funding, Guidance – *update on progress*
   1. Conduct Order
   2. Fees and Charges
2. OAVA / Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill – *update*
3. Directions from the Convener of the EMB
   1. Count Timing – *oral update on discussions with Minister*
4. Support for ROs and EROs: Conference in September/October 2025
   1. Date, Venue, Draft Agenda – *to follow*
5. Draft EMB Position Paper on Electronic Registers
   1. Outline Paper *draft circulated*
   2. Papers from Modern Democracy and Democracy Counts

**GENERAL UPDATES / LEGISLATION**

1. Scottish Government update
   1. eCount Procurement
2. Electoral Commission update
   1. Electoral Commission Annual Report on Electoral Registration in Great Britain – [circulated](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/research-reports-and-data/electoral-registration-research/electoral-registration-great-britain-2024)
3. Boundaries Scotland / Boundary Commission for Scotland
   1. [Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries](https://boundaries.scot/reviews/second-review-scottish-parliament-boundaries): Boundaries Scotland submission of [Final Report](https://boundaries.scot/sites/default/files/SPReview2_FinalRecs/second_review_of_scottish_Parliament_boundaries_report.pdf) to Ministers – *circulated*
4. Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill
   1. Letter to Convener of the Convener, Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee following the evidence session on 8 May – circulated
5. UK Government– *oral update*
6. Update on Registration issues

**EMB ADMINISTRATION**

1. EMB Administration / Membership
2. Any Other Business
3. Future Meetings in 2025

* 27 November