**Agenda**

14:00 27 February 2025

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

**MEETING ADMIN**

1. Apologies - JS
2. Meeting of EMB 12 November 2024 Action Note – *to follow*

**UK PARLIAMENTARY GENERAL ELECTION 4 JULY 2024**

1. Electoral Commission Report on UK Parliamentary General Election – [*circulated*](https://www.emb.scot/downloads/file/1079/report-on-the-2024-uk-parliamentary-general-election)
2. UK Government Response to the Electoral Commission Report - [*circulated*](https://www.emb.scot/downloads/file/1078/uk-gov-response-electoral-commission-s-reports-on-the-2024-elections-government-response-gov-uk)
3. UKPGE Funding Claims – *oral update*

**EMB GENERAL WORKSTREAMS**

1. Local Government By-elections - *circulated*
	1. Quarterly Review of by-election support from Fujitsu January 2025 2024 - *circulated*
2. Postal Voting and Print Roundtable:– *Oral Update, agenda circulated.*
3. Manual Verification and Count: Good Practice - *oral update*
4. Accessibility Subgroup – *oral update*
5. Future Status and Resourcing of the EMB – *update following* [*The Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act*](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2025/4/contents/enacted)

**PREPARATION FOR SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ELECTION MAY 2026**

1. Draft Timetable – *circulated*
2. Legislation, Funding, Guidance – *update on progress*
3. Discussion of Directions from the Convener of the EMB
	1. Directions issued for 2021 elections- *circulated*
	2. Accessibility
	3. Results collation – *model from 2021 circulated for reference*
4. Support for ROs and EROs
	1. Conference
	2. Other support structure
5. National Risk Register – *oral update* *2021 circulated for reference*

**GENERAL UPDATES / LEGISLATION**

1. UK Government– *oral update*
2. Scottish Government Update *to follow*
	1. eCount Procurement
3. Electoral Commission - *update to follow*
4. Boundaries Scotland / Boundary Commission for Scotland –*circulated*
5. Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill - [*circulated*](https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3785)
6. Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill – [*circulated*](https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/s6/scottish-parliament-recall-and-removal-of-members-bill)
7. Consultation on Dual Mandates in the Scottish Parliament – [*circulated*](https://www.gov.scot/publications/dual-mandates-scottish-parliament/documents/)

**EMB ADMINISTRATION**

1. EMB Administration / Membership
	1. EMB Annual Report *to follow*
2. Any Other Business
3. Future Meetings
* 24 April
* 26 June
* 27 November