

# Agenda Electoral Management Board for Scotland

#### Friday 24 February 2012, 2:00pm

Boardroom, City of Edinburgh Council Headquarters Waverley Court, East Market Street, Edinburgh (map)

## **MEETING ADMINSTRATION**

- 1.0 Apologies
- **2.0** Note of Previous Meeting (27 February 2012) (circulated)
  - 2.1 Matters Arising

# **BOARD WORK PROGRAMME, POLICY & PLANNING**

- 3.0 Preparation for Scottish Local Government Elections 2012
  - 3.1 Legislation
    - **3.1.1 Supplementary legislation** (update from Scottish Government)
  - 3.2 EMB Work Programme Update
    - 3.2.1 Direction on Count Timing)
    - **3.2.2** Information in the Count Centre for Observers (to be tabled)
    - **3.2.3 "What have confidence in the system?"** *draft paper from Gordon Blair (circulated)*
  - 3.3 E Counting
    - 3.3.1 Printing Issues
    - 3.3.2 Training
    - 3.3.3 Ballot Boxes

- 3.3.4 Adjudication Doubtful Papers
- 3.3.5 Recounts
- 3.3.6 Results Publishing
- 3.4 Update from Electoral Commission
  - 3.4.1 RO Performance Standards
  - 3.4.2 Joint Briefings
  - 3.4.3 Public Awareness
- 3.5 Postal Voting / Royal Mail issues
- 4.0 EMB Administration
  - 4.1 EMB Subgroups
    - 4.1.1 Forms Group
    - 4.1.2 Communication Network
- 5.0 Bulletin / Newsletter future topics

## **INFORMATION**

6.0 Regional Returning Officers' Group and associated meetings

(Papers available at <a href="http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/elections/elections-and-referendums-working-groups">http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/elections/elections-and-referendums-working-groups</a>)

- **6.1 Elections and Referendums Steering Group Agenda and Papers** *Update from Convener*
- **6.2 Elections & Registrations Working Group Agenda and Papers** *Update from Secretary*
- 7.0 Scottish Political Parties Panel
  - 7.1 Issues for future meetings

## CONSULTATIONS

## 8.0 Consultations

- 8.1 Electoral Commission paper on the timing of election counts
- 8.2 Referendum consultations
- 9.0 Any Other Business
  - 9.1 Electoral Commission Briefings for political parties & candidates on local government elections
  - 9.2 Potential for Industrial Action
  - 9.3 Official Mark
- **10.0** Dates of Next Meetings (circulated; aligned with SOLACE)
  - 30 March 2012
  - 20 April 2012
  - 25 May 2012
  - 29 June 2012
  - 31 August 2012
  - 28 September 2012
  - 19 October 2012
  - 16 November 2012
  - 14 December 2012

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