

ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR SCOTLAND

Agenda

Friday 31 May 2013, 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, 5 April 2013 (circulated)
 - 2.1 Matters Arising

WORK PROGRAMME

- **3.0** Preparation for European Parliamentary Elections 2014 (update from Cabinet Office / Scotland Office)
 - 3.1 Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 re Anonymous Registration (circulated)
 - 3.2 Draft regulations regarding postal votes
- 4.0 Scottish Independence Referendum: Legislation / Rules etc
 - 4.1 Referendum Bill
 - **4.1.1 Scottish Parliament Evidence Session 16 May** (submission circulated)
 - **4.1.2 SOLAR comments on Bill** (circulated)
 - 4.2 Franchise Bill & registration issues
 - 4.2.1 Release of data on 15 year-olds data protection issues
 - 4.2.2 IER Update / current issues
 - **4.3** Fees and Charges Order (update from Scottish Government)
 - **4.4 Pre-Referendum Period / "Purdah"** (discussions with ADES etc.)
- 5.0 CCO Project Workstreams Update

- **5.1 Governance /Project Management** (including appointment of consultant)
- **5.2 Guidance** (including appointment of consultant)
- **5.3 Count Collation** (including timing issues)
- **5.4 Count Declaration** (including Venue, media discussion)
- 6.0 Issues raised by the Election Teams across Scotland
 - 6.1 Printing
 - 6.2 CCO Directions re Polling Scheme and Staffing Ratios
 - 6.3 Performance Standards
 - 6.4 Promotion of Participation
 - 6.5 Politically Restricted Posts and the Referendum

6.6

INFORMATION

7.0 Regional Returning Officers' Group and associated meetings

(Papers available at http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/elections/elections-and-referendums-working-groups)

- **7.1 Elections and Referendums Steering Group** *Update from Convener*
- **7.2 UK Electoral Advisory Board** *Update from Convener*
- **7.3 Elections & Registrations Working Group** *Update from Secretary*
- 8.0 EMB Website
- **9.0 EMB Bulletin** (circulated)

CONSULTATIONS ETC

10.0 Consultations / Evidence Sessions

- **10.1 Joint Committee on the draft Voting Eligibility (Prisoners) Bill** Call for Evidence http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/joint-select/draft-voting-eligibility-prisoners-bill/news/call-for-evidence/
- 10.2 Scottish Parliament's Finance Committee re Scottish Independence
 Referendum Bill's Financial Memorandum submission circulated

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.0 Any Other Business
- **12.0** Dates of Future Meetings

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