



# Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

**Report to :** Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

**Meeting on :** 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Subject :** Electoral Registration Update Report

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## **1.0 Introduction**

This report is to provide members with an update on the ongoing Electoral Registration Annual Canvass and other electoral issues facing the Board.

## **2.0 Annual Canvass**

This process concluded in November 2015 with publication of the Registers taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

The position as at 1<sup>st</sup> December is detailed in Table A which shows the Total Electorate as at 1 December 2015

## **3. The Next Year:**

### **3.1 Refresh of Absent Voter Identifiers:**

This exercise was carried out at the end of January this year. This invited electors with an Absent Voting facility to update their security details; the law dictates that this should be refreshed every 5 years. If updated security details are not supplied, the Absent Voting facility will lapse.

The numbers included in the exercise were 3,769. At the end of the exercise postal votes were removed from 802 electors who did not reapply for an Absent Vote.

### **3.2 Canvassing:**

Business-as-usual Canvassing has been in progress since March and approximately 6,000 properties were canvassed. A further 2500 will be canvassed after the EU Referendum.

### **3.3 Young Voters:**

The extension of the Franchise to include 16 and 17 year-olds has added to the workload over the past few months although we are fortunate that the development undertaken for the 2014 Referendum has limited the amount of system changes.

We have worked with the constituent authorities to assist, where required, with outreach in schools.

### **3.4 Elections:**

The Scottish Parliamentary Election (SPE) was held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and attention now turns to the Euro-Referendum on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Work is well under way in preparation for the SPE and meetings are scheduled with the staff representing the three Returning Officers in the Joint Board area.

### **General Conclusions**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their continuing hard work and diligence in dealing efficiently with all aspects of revaluation and, in particular, the Scottish Election on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Recommendations**

- i. The Board notes the contents of this report.

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## Table A - Total Electorate by Council Ward

Note - this shows ALL electors, irrespective of Franchise \*\* Adults = 18+ Attainers will be 18 in lifetime of register

Council Area by Ward	01-Dec-15		01-May-16	
East Renfrewshire	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
1. Neilston, Uplawmoor and Newton Mearns North	14,323	122	14,401	505
2. Barrhead	12,503	44	12,580	266
3. Giffnock and Thornliebank	10,894	62	11,038	321
4. Netherlee, Stamperland and Williamwood	10,381	72	10,459	351
5. Newton Mearns South	9,705	76	9,754	335
6. Busby, Clarkston and Eaglesham	10,841	81	10,879	364
<b>Total for East Renfrewshire</b>	<b>68,647</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>69,111</b>	<b>2,142</b>

  

Inverclyde	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
1. Inverclyde East	12,144	46	12,251	407
2. Inverclyde East Central	9,461	31	9,631	289
3. Inverclyde North	11,186	46	11,251	212
4. Inverclyde South	7,876	26	7,980	243
5. Inverclyde West	8,311	51	8,328	231
6. Inverclyde South West	8,607	68	8,675	380
<b>Total for Inverclyde</b>	<b>57,585</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>58,116</b>	<b>1,762</b>

  

Renfrewshire	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
1. Renfrew North	9,779	43	10,040	269
2. Renfrew South and Gallowhill	10,166	41	10,316	223
3. Paisley East and Ralston	12,703	55	12,953	245
4. Paisley North West	12,606	48	13,065	280
5. Paisley South	13,236	63	13,443	346
6. Paisley South West	11,195	54	11,301	321
7. Johnstone South, Elderslie and Howwood	12,430	41	12,672	336
8. Johnstone North, Kilbarchan and Lochwinnoch	9,569	33	9,659	220
9. Houston, Crosslee and Linwood	11,420	78	11,464	356
10. Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank	9,438	58	9,593	284
11. Erskine and Inchinnan	12,798	95	12,777	447
<b>Total for Renfrewshire</b>	<b>125,340</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>127,283</b>	<b>3,327</b>

  

Joint Board Area	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
<b>Total for Joint Board Area</b>	<b>251,572</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>254,510</b>	<b>7,231</b>

**Table B - Total Electorate by Scottish Parliamentary Constituency**

Note - this shows only those electors eligible to vote at Scottish Parliamentary Election				
Council Area by Ward	01-Dec-15		01-May-16	
East Renfrewshire	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
Eastwood	51,513	387	53,224	360
Greenock and Inverclyde	53,459	250	55,226	379
Renfrewshire North and West	48,887	279	50,640	253
Paisley	49,729	220	51,751	191
Renfrewshire South	47,984	198	49,490	192