



Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

Report to : Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

Meeting on : 30th June 2017

Subject : Electoral Registration Update Report

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1.0 Introduction

This report is to provide members with an update on Electoral Registration and the two recent elections.

2.0 Local Government Election

This Election was held on 4th May and I am pleased to report there were no major issues concerning the Registration process. We did however process a large number of alterations to the Register; additions were just short of 8,000, deletions of 3,500 and just over 1,000 one-off postal vote requests.

3.0 UK Parliamentary General Election

This was a “snap” Election on 8th June which meant that some preparations for this election saw an overlap with preparations for the LGE on 4th May. The number of alterations processed for this election resulted in 6,260 additions, deletions of just over 2,500 and just over 3,800 one-off postal vote requests.

4.0 Canvass 2017

Plans to start an early annual canvass this year were already in place before the unscheduled UKPGE, which has had a knock on effect to the start date of the canvass by delaying the mailing of all Household Enquiry Forms (HEF's) by approximately a week. It is anticipated that this mailing will be released to Royal Mail around the 5th of July 2017. The reasons behind scheduling an earlier start to our annual canvass were to allow us more time for electors to return their HEF's and more flexibility with the timing of the first reminder HEF mailing. This will hopefully improve response rates allowing us to reduce the

number of households requiring a Door- to- Door canvass. If this is achieved I am hopeful this will translate into some savings to the annual cost of the canvass which, since the introduction of Individual Electoral Registration (IER) has been an increasingly costly exercise. Furthermore, the UK Government has legislated for two changes to the forms we use at canvass. The first change is to the Invitation to Register (ITR) allowing householders to indicate that they are the only person living at the address, therefore we may not need to send further forms to the household in the near future. The second change is to the HEF advising electors we can email them an ITR if they provide an email address. This will have a positive effect on both staff time and postage costs. Both of these measures are already in use in England & Wales and we are receiving positive feedback from colleagues who already operate these changes.

4.3 Young Voters:

The extension of the Franchise to include 16 and 17 year-olds for Scottish Elections 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.

4.4 Elections:

At present we have no further planned Elections for this year.

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 their work and, in particular, the Scottish Local Government Election in May and the UK Parliamentary General Election earlier this month.

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
Total for East Renfrewshire	68,647	457	69,111	2,142

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
Total for Inverclyde	57,585	268	58,116	1,762

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
Total for Renfrewshire	125,340	609	127,283	3,327

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

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