



Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

Report to : Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

Meeting on : 20th January 2017

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 2016 with publication of the Registers taking place on 1st December 2016.

The December 2016 Registers were published using the existing Ward Boundaries; and will be republished on 1st February 2017 using the revised Ward Boundaries.

The position as at 1st December 2016 is detailed in Table A.

The distribution of the electorate in the new Ward Boundaries is not yet available. The Register closed for the February Update on Tuesday 10th January and the updating and checking processes are not yet complete. The 1st February Register statistics will be circulated separately prior to the Board meeting.

3. The Next Year:

3.1 Refresh of Absent Voter Identifiers:

This exercise will be carried out this month with mail being issued in the week beginning 18th January. The correspondence will invite 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 that will be included in the exercise are 4,023.

3.2 Canvassing:

The new rules for conducting the Annual Canvass have not proved to be as effective as earlier processes with the result that the number of registered electors has

declined more by than it should. Business-as-usual Canvassing will commence in February and it is anticipated that approximately 4,000 properties will be canvassed.

3.3 Absent Voters:

As is usual at every Canvass, electors will make a request to have an Absent Vote. Application Forms have been issued and the responses are now being processed. This will inevitably change up to the last date to make application for an Absent Vote (5pm on Tuesday 18th April) prior to the Local Government Elections on 4th May.

3.4 Elections:

There is one scheduled election - the Local Government Elections to be held on 4th May 2017. By-Elections can, of course, happen at any time.

Work is now under way in preparation for the May Elections 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 the management of the Annual Canvass.

Recommendations

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

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Table A - Total Electorate by Council Ward

Note - this shows electors eligible to vote at Local Government Elections (age 16 and older)				
Council Area by Ward	01-Dec-16		01-Jan-17	
East Renfrewshire	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
1. Neilston, Uplawmoor and Newton Mearns North	14,667	102	14,774	110
2. Barrhead	12,699	37	12,765	44
3. Giffnock and Thornliebank	11,122	57	11,171	61
4. Netherlee, Stamperland and Williamwood	10,610	77	10,642	80
5. Newton Mearns South	9,996	79	10,056	88
6. Busby, Clarkston and Eaglesham	11,018	85	11,065	92
Total for East Renfrewshire	70,112	437	70,473	475
Inverclyde	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
1. Inverclyde East	12,514	75	12,581	68
2. Inverclyde East Central	9,847	33	9,886	37
3. Inverclyde North	11,203	32	11,264	31
4. Inverclyde South	8,130	29	8,177	26
5. Inverclyde West	8,465	25	8,502	27
6. Inverclyde South West	8,999	53	9,048	55
Total for Inverclyde	59,158	247	59,458	244
Renfrewshire	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
1. Renfrew North	10,329	26	10,405	30
2. Renfrew South and Gallowhill	10,397	39	10,469	54
3. Paisley East and Ralston	13,071	36	13,143	51
4. Paisley North West	13,262	30	13,375	36
5. Paisley South	13,601	48	13,672	62
6. Paisley South West	11,446	40	11,501	44
7. Johnstone South, Elderslie and Howwood	12,777	45	12,823	53
8. Johnstone North, Kilbarchan and Lochwinnoch	9,844	47	9,882	54
9. Houston, Crosslee and Linwood	11,740	49	11,790	50
10. Bishopston, Bridge of Weir and Langbank	9,927	49	9,982	53
11. Erskine and Inchinnan	13,051	52	13,102	62
Total for Renfrewshire	129,445	461	130,144	549
Joint Board Area	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
Total for Joint Board Area	258,715	1,145	260,075	1,268