



# Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

**Report to:** Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board  
**Meeting on:** 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
**Subject:** Electoral Registration Update Report  
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## 1.0 Introduction

This report is to provide members with an update on the 2018 Electoral Registration Annual Canvass and other electoral issues facing the Board.

## 2.0 Annual Canvass

This process concluded in November 2018 with publication of the Registers taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

The position as at 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 is detailed in Table A.

## 3.0 The Year Ahead

### 3.1 Refresh of Absent Voter Identifiers

This exercise will be carried out this month with mail being issued on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2,203.

### 3.2 Canvassing

Business-as-usual Canvassing will commence mid-February 2019 and it is anticipated that approximately 6,500 properties will be door knocked.

### 3.3 Elections

There are no scheduled elections this year however By-Elections can, of course, happen at any time.

### 3.4 UK Boundary Review

The consultation of the 2018 Review of the UK Parliament Constituencies ended mid December 2018. Any proposed changes will be implemented in conjunction with the three constituent authorities.

### 3.5 Polling District Review

Returning Officer staff are currently reviewing their polling districts and places which requires to be completed by 31 January 2019. We understand that Renfrewshire Council and Inverclyde Council have changes which will result in the republication of all registers for these councils. However, the final changes will not be available to the ERO until April/May this year as they require approval at council boards.

## 4.0 Procurement

### 4.1 Electoral Management System (EMS)

The contract for the procurement of a new Electoral Management System (EMS) has been conducted as a direct award through Crown Commercial Services (CCS) G-Cloud Framework Agreement (RM1557.10) in line with RVJB Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and EU Procurement Directives. The Order Form has been drafted and is with Renfrewshire Council Legal Team for review prior to being sent to Democracy Counts. Once this has been agreed by both RVJB and Renfrewshire Council, the contract can then be awarded to Democracy Counts. It is anticipated that the contract will commence on 31 January 2019.

### 4.2 Print & Scan

The tender for the provision of all Print and Scan Services closed at noon on 19 December 2018. Five bids have been received and the evaluation process will commence shortly.

## 5.0 Funding IER 2019/20

Confirmation of funding for 2019/20 will be released by the Cabinet Office in the coming weeks. As mentioned in previous updates, the funding for the present style of canvass ceases in 2020/21. The UK, Scottish and Welsh governments have issued a policy statement setting out their proposals for reform of the annual canvass. These proposals include enabling ERO's to use trusted public data to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the annual canvass in a bid to reduce costs. It is the government's intention to have this legislation in place to allow the 2020 annual canvass to function under these new laws.

## 6.0 General Conclusions

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their continuing hard work and effective management in dealing with the management of the Annual Canvass and associated electoral tasks.

## 7.0 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 over)

Council Area by Ward	1st December 2018		1st January 2019	
	Electors	Attainers	Electors	Attainers
<b>East Renfrewshire</b>				
01 Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor	13,600	75	13,614	77
02 Newton Mearns North and Neilston	11,870	82	11,841	83
03 Giffnock and Thornliebank	12,741	109	12,685	110
04 Clarkston, Netherlee and Williamwood	16,290	171	16,228	175
05 Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham	17,073	150	17,015	152
<b>Total for East Renfrewshire</b>	<b>71,574</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>71,383</b>	<b>597</b>

Inverclyde	Electors	Attainers	Electors	Attainers
01 Inverclyde East	8,434	51	8,401	54
02 Inverclyde East Central	7,959	28	7,953	30
03 Inverclyde Central	7,670	30	7,650	30
04 Inverclyde North	10,187	37	10,138	38
05 Inverclyde West	8,594	35	8,547	37
06 Inverclyde South West	9,147	50	9,106	53
07 Inverclyde South	7,756	36	7,743	39
<b>Total For Inverclyde</b>	<b>59,747</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>59,538</b>	<b>281</b>

Renfrewshire	Electors	Attainers	Electors	Attainers
01 Renfrew North and Braehead	13,157	49	12,778	51
02 Renfrew South and Gallowhill	9,400	47	9,113	49
03 Paisley Northeast and Ralston	9,206	41	8,940	41
04 Paisley Northwest	13,245	50	12,764	54
05 Paisley East and Central	9,680	46	9,374	49
06 Paisley Southeast	9,515	48	9,240	50
07 Paisley Southwest	11,965	64	11,695	67
08 Johnstone South and Elderslie	12,989	74	12,659	76
09 Johnstone North, Kilbarchan, Howwood and Lochwinnoch	11,888	66	11,564	69
10 Houston, Crosslee and Linwood	12,220	87	11,890	95
11 Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank	11,200	73	11,006	81
12 Erskine and Inchinnan	13,336	87	13,004	91
<b>Total for Renfrewshire</b>	<b>137,801</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>134,027</b>	<b>773</b>

Joint Board Area	Electors	Attainers	Electors	Attainers
<b>Total for Joint Board Area</b>	<b>269,122</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>264,948</b>	<b>1,651</b>