



# Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

**Report to :** Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

**Meeting on :** 15<sup>th</sup> January 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 will be carried out this month with mail being issued in the week beginning 18<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 3,769.

### **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 March and it is anticipated that approximately 3,000 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 19<sup>th</sup> April) prior to the Scottish Parliamentary Election.

### **3.4 Elections:**

There is one scheduled election - the Scottish Parliamentary Election (SPE) to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016. By-Elections can, of course, happen at any time.

Work is now 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 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 ALL electors, irrespective of Franchise				
Council Area by Ward	01-Dec-15		01-Jan-16	
East Renfrewshire	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
1. Neilston, Uplawmoor and Newton Mearns North	14,323	122	14,425	129
2. Barrhead	12,503	44	12,547	50
3. Giffnock and Thornliebank	10,894	62	10,961	65
4. Netherlee, Stamperland and Williamwood	10,381	72	10,424	67
5. Newton Mearns South	9,705	76	9,765	87
6. Busby, Clarkston and Eaglesham	10,841	81	10,913	95
Total for East Renfrewshire	68,647	457	69,035	493
Inverclyde	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
1. Inverclyde East	12,144	46	12,209	53
2. Inverclyde East Central	9,461	31	9,509	35
3. Inverclyde North	11,186	46	11,203	43
4. Inverclyde South	7,876	26	7,903	33
5. Inverclyde West	8,311	51	8,344	56
6. Inverclyde South West	8,607	68	8,661	64
Total for Inverclyde	57,585	268	57,829	284
Renfrewshire	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
1. Renfrew North	9,779	43	9,876	45
2. Renfrew South and Gallowhill	10,166	41	10,232	42
3. Paisley East and Ralston	12,703	55	12,778	53
4. Paisley North West	12,606	48	12,706	53
5. Paisley South	13,236	63	13,301	66
6. Paisley South West	11,195	54	11,225	60
7. Johnstone South, Elderslie and Howwood	12,430	41	12,508	48
8. Johnstone North, Kilbarchan and Lochwinnoch	9,569	33	9,614	38
9. Houston, Crosslee and Linwood	11,420	78	11,477	78
10. Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank	9,438	58	9,488	54
11. Erskine and Inchinnan	12,798	95	12,857	97
Total for Renfrewshire	125,340	609	126,062	634
Joint Board Area	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
Total for Joint Board Area	251,572	1,334	252,926	1,411



**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-Jan-16	
East Renfrewshire	Adults	Attainers	Adults	Attainers
Eastwood	51,513	387	51,832	415
Greenock and Inverclyde	53,459	250	53,681	266
Renfrewshire North and West	48,887	279	49,192	279
Paisley	49,729	220	49,999	232
Renfrewshire South	47,984	198	48,222	219
Total	251,572	1,334	252,926	1,411