

VJB21. Electoral Registration Update

The Board considered a report by the Assessor & Electoral Registration Officer summarising work since February 2019. The report also highlighted future work.

The report provided updates on:

- EU Parliamentary direction 2019
- Annual canvass 2019
- Stakeholder engagement

In regard to future work the report highlighted:

- Reform of the annual canvass
- Extensions of the voting franchise
- The referendums (Scotland) Bill
- Electoral reform

Following a question in regard to EU electors voting in the EU parliamentary election in May 2019, Mr Wildman confirmed that there had been time pressures caused by the late confirmation that the UK would participate in the elections. He explained the process for registering EU nationals, and that 26% of registered EU electors in the electoral area had returned forms to permit them to vote in the election.

Mr Wildman confirmed that the outcome of any boundary review would be implemented. The service was making contingency arrangements for a UK Parliamentary election. While the date was not yet known, political statements indicated that it was likely..

Decision

The Board noted the report.