

VJB43. Electoral Registration Update

The Board considered a report by the Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer updating the Board on Electoral Registration work that has been carried out since September 2022, the report also provided an update on ongoing and future work.

In particular the report provided an update on the following:-

- Annual Canvass
- Voter Authority Certificates
- Preparatory work in regard to the implementation of remaining measures contained within the UK Government's Election Act including the extension of the Overseas Electors franchise, online absent vote applications and postal vote expiry dates.

The Assessor confirmed, following a question, that Voter Authority Certificates would not be used for the forthcoming local by-election. They would be used for UK Parliamentary elections in Scotland, Scottish elections were a devolved matter, however, and the Scottish Government was not minded at the present time to introduce certificates for Scottish elections. He added that while the signatures for postal votes had expiry periods this was not the case for the certificates. Following a question the Assessor confirmed that there would be no charge for the certificates.

Decision

The Board noted the report.