

Electoral Reform

Action

1. The Commission is invited to consider some of the main Electoral Reform elements and how they may impact on the islands reviews, interim reviews and rolling reviews, ahead of a discussion at its meeting.

Background

2. The Secretary recently emailed the Commission with an outline of the main elements for discussion, they include:
 - rolling reviews;
 - review process;
 - use of 2 and 5 member wards; and
 - the role of Ministers and the Parliament in determining the outcomes of reviews.
3. The Secretary will provide a further oral update at the Commission meeting, following discussions with Scottish Government colleagues.
4. At its meeting of 10 September 2018 Maria McCann from the Scottish Government Elections Team provided an update on the consultation on Electoral Reform.
5. On 26 September 2018, the Chair and Secretary met with the Cabinet Secretary. An oral update will be provided from that meeting.

Conclusion

6. The Commission is invited to consider the impact of the main Electoral Reform elements ahead of a discussion at its meeting.

Secretariat
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