

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 15 June 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

CR1, Mulberry Place, 5, Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

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4 .4 Feedback from Electoral Services

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To receive a presentation on IER impact of registration, feedback from the GLA elections and preparations for the EU Referendum.

Electoral Services:

Registration of Electors and Conduct of Elections/Referenda

Louise Stamp - Head of Electoral Services

Registration of Electors

Monthly Registration figures—

Monthly alterations to the Register of Electors –

- Revised Register of Electors 2016 electorate figure 1 December 2015 – 169,450
- Current electorate figure 9 June 2016 – 189,372
10.53% rise in 6 months
- Postal voters – 1 December 2015 = 26,675 (15.74%)
- Postal voters – 9 June 2016 = 34,235 (18.01%)
- Proxy voters – 1 December 2015 = 49
- Proxy voters – 9 June 2016 = 645
- Overseas voters – 1 December 2015 = 1032
- Overseas voters – 9 June 2016 – 2,459

Registration Statistics

IER Application Statistics –

- 1 December 2015 – 9 June 2016 = 60,308
Duplicates = 10,123 (16.8%)
Deletions = 13,484
- 1 April 2016 – 9 June 2016 = 43,130
Duplicates = 7,402 (17.2%)
Deletions = 10,557
- Emails – 1 April 2016 – 14 June 2016
= 7,651 and rising

GLA Elections 2016

- Delivered successfully without challenge
- City and East constituency – Newham, Tower Hamlets, Barking & Dagenham and The City
- Lessons learnt from 2015 elections were implemented
- Polling Day on Thursday 5 May 2016 – no issues
- Police at every polling place from 7am – 10:30pm
- 116 polling stations around the borough
- Eligible electorate = 147,789 (no Overseas)
- Postal Voters – 27,919
- Postal vote return – 67.38%
- Postal vote rejection rate – 6.7%

GLA Elections 2016

- Partnership with Agilysis – 24 hour response
- Met Police and other stakeholders involved in election planning meetings
- Outreach work –
 - registration days in IDEA stores – 142 new registrations
 - 6+ elector checks – 71 new registrations, 380 deleted
 - new citizens – 268
- Communications – website, tweets, media, EEL advertising
- Electronic count @ ExCeL London on Friday 6 May 2016
- Local Protocol drawn up to enhance the Commission's Code of Conduct for Candidates and Agents
- Turnout for Tower Hamlets – 43%

EU Referendum 2016

Planning and preparations –

- Eligible electorate = 167,912 (no European Union voters)
- Eligible postal voters = 31,238
- Overseas electors – 2459 (142 still to process!)
- 104 polling stations around the borough
- Police at every polling place from 7am – 10:30pm
- All staff employed and trained – online training for POs/PCs
- Postal vote return (after 2 sessions) 9,897 – 31.68%
- with a further 5,200 mailers for session 3 on 16 June
- Postal vote rejections 429 – 4.3%

EU Referendum 2016

- Partnership with Agilysis – 24 hour response
- Met Police and other stakeholders involved in election planning meetings
- Outreach work –
 - registration days in IDEA stores – 75 new registrations
 - 6+ elector checks – 31 new registrations, 163 deleted
 - data matching – 1000+ new ITR's issued
- Communications – local media advertising, posters, colleges, Mosques, Exads, Twitter etc.
- Count @ East Wintergarden on Thursday 23 June 2016
- Count Code of Conduct for campaigners and agents
- Turnout expected to be high – 75-80%?

Annual Canvass 2016

Three stages –

1. Stage 1 – Post out HNL form to all properties (August)
2. Stage 2 – Canvassers door knocking with mobile tablets (September to end October)
3. Stage 3 – Final reminder forms to all non responding (November)

Aim – accurate and up-to-date register

Audit of whole borough – 128,593 properties

90+ canvassers to recruit to make personal visits

Revised Register of Electors 2017 published on 1 December 2016

Return target for 2016 canvass = 90%