

Individual Electoral Registration - Update noted.

5 With reference to the minutes of 17th June 2014 (Print 3, page 205) noting an update on challenges facing electoral registration, there was submitted and noted a report by the City Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer providing an update on progress made since the introduction of Individual Electoral Registration (IER) on 19th September 2014, advising

- (1) of the progress made since the introduction of Individual Electoral Registration (IER) on 19th September 2014 and the proposals for ongoing activity for the remainder of the transitional phase which would end on 27th February 2015 when the revised electoral register was due to be published;
- (2) IER was a set of processes which involved individuals making their own application for registration and where the identity of each person on the electoral register was subject to a verification check by comparing entries in the register against national datasets such as the Department of Work and Pensions and included local data matching to compare non-matched electors against Council records, which had resulted in a city-wide match rate of 78%;
- (3) that the total number of electors across the city, by Ward and Scottish Parliamentary Constituency, who would transfer onto the new register was 378,011; and
- (4) of the of the 3 key elements of the IER write-out process to electors during the 2014/15 canvass, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted the progress to date in respect of the transition to Individual Electoral Registration and of the communication, public awareness and engagement activity undertaken, as detailed in the report.