

# Individual Electoral Registration

**YOUR VOTE MATTERS**

**MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN**



# The New System

- Registration system changed in June 2014
- New system is called 'Individual Electoral Registration'
- Previously, the 'head of household' registered electors
- Now every individual is responsible for their own voter registration
- For the first time people are able to register online
- Applicants will need to provide more details, including National Insurance number and date of birth. This helps make the electoral register more secure.

# Transitional Canvass

- From 1 July to 1 December 2014
- Existing electors only
- Confirmation Process
  - Electoral Register sent to Government Digital Services for data matching of name and address
  - Match rate of 81.99% - July 2014
  - (Dry Run in 2013 - 80.55% - grant – data cleansing)

# Government Digital Services Results

- RAG rating
  - Red – no match
  - Amber - partial match
  - Green – strong match – transitions to IER
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- Note: Finding from Confirmation Dry Run - demographics

# Local Data Matching

- Check Amber and Red against Council Records to attempt to confirm and convert to Green
- Matching so far has resulted in an overall match of 89.08% equal to 9541 electors
- Rationale and timing

# Next step

- Household Enquiry Form (HEF)
  - Properties where no electors registered
  - Properties where no reply during 2013 canvass
- Reminders and visit
- New entries sent invitation to register (ITR)  
plus follow up
- Deleted electors – new process

# Letters to all existing electors

- Confirmation letter to all Green electors
  - Confirming registered under IER and opt out status
- Invitation to Register (ITR) to all amber/red electors
- Follow up process for all HEF and ITR forms
  - 2 reminders
  - Personal visit

# Deleting Electors

Delete automatically where

- Notified by Registrar re deaths
- Notified by another ERO of move
- Move within ERO area

All other deletions require two pieces of evidence



# What happens where no response?

Where an electors fails to register under IER they can still vote in 2015 as long as they remain registered and responded in 2013

However, to have a postal vote, a proxy vote or to act as proxy in 2015 the elector MUST be registered under IER

# NEW applications under IER

- IER applications from 10 June 2014
  - Applications (paper or online) to contain
    - Name
    - Address
    - Date of birth
    - National insurance number
    - Signature (paper only)
  - Paper - Name, date of birth and NINO sent by ERO to be matched against GDS data
  - Online applications via GDS to contain name, address, date of birth and NINO
  - If not matched use validated Council data to verify
  - If not matched exceptions process documentary evidence form List A, List B or List C

# Funding

- “The Government is fully funding the cost of IER, including the transition cost to local authorities” Cabinet Office
- Additional Grants

# Other Issues

- EC Publicity Campaign
- Cabinet Office
  - project team
  - Support
  - Expert Panel
- ERO Public Engagement Strategy
- Impact on Political Campaigning

# 2015 Canvass

- Household Enquiry Form to every property
  - online response option

## Additions

- Register online or receive ITR forms

## Deletions

- ERO will need to establish from 2 sources

# More information

Applications via [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

Electoral Commission

[www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

Electoral Services at DDC 01304 872353