



Electoral administration - the future

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Three Principles

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- **Access - Everyone is able to vote**
- **Participation - Everyone wants to vote**
- **Security - No-one abuses the vote**

Short term developments - legislation

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- **EA Bill Lords Committee 28 Feb and early March**
- **Regulations for May 2006 debated in Commons 28 Feb, Lords 9 March**
- **EA Bill Royal Assent - aim is late May**
- **EA Bill regulations - aim June/Nov**

Short term developments - projects

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- **CORE consultation ends 7 March**
- **London registration campaign “1824 collective” Feb/March**
- **16 Administrative pilots at May elections**
- **Personal identifier pilots - aim to start at 2006 annual canvass**
- **Redesign of canvass form**
- **Consultation on prisoners’ voting rights**

Medium term developments

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- **PI pilots in 2006 and 2007 canvasses**
- **Implement EA Bill measures for 2007 elections**
- **Development of CORE specification and procurement process**
- **Agreement and implementation of performance measures**
- **Local govt Beacon Scheme**
- **e-voting pilots (if/when agreed)**

Longer term - vision

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- **Confidence in voting security**
- **Registration maximised (and accurate)**
- **Properly funded, “mainstreamed” service**
- **Electors understand and can cope with the system**
- **Working effectively with political parties and candidates**
- **Promoting wider democratic engagement**
- **Performance measures help achievement**

Longer term - challenges

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- **Improving confidence in security**
- **Making registration easier**
- **Priority for local govt funding**
- **New skills for promotion activities and wider democracy**
- **New skills for e-services and projects**
- **Dealing with change - more is likely**

Some things to think about and discuss

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- **What if combined elections in 2009?**
- **What further legislation would help you?**
- **What could we do better without legislation - partnerships?**
- **Learning from others - registration, democratic engagement**
- **Working with performance measures and financial transparency**
- **Getting the most from CORE**

A central role in DEMOCRACY

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“Electoral officers aren’t just the keepers of the rules; they are the foundation of Democracy”

This is what Harriet Harman told the consultants developing the performance measures

How do you feel about that?



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