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PRESS RELEASE

It's time for urgent and positive Government action

The AEA's review of the 2017 local government elections and the UK Parliamentary general election

The Association of Electoral Administrators (AEA) has today published its report – [It's time for urgent and positive Government action](#) – on May's local government and June's UK Parliamentary general elections.

Once again, the Association calls for a fundamental rethink of electoral processes in the UK and stresses that without positive and urgent action, it has significant concerns that the many weaknesses and contradictions identified in current systems and procedures will cause the UK's electoral system to further fracture and fail.

In the report, the AEA makes 33 recommendations, covering areas including:

- Creating a single Electoral Registration Act;
- Reviewing the funding of electoral services;
- Reviewing all election and electoral registration deadlines;
- Resolving the ongoing issue of duplicate registrations;
- Simplifying and improving electoral registration processes; and
- Resolving the many legislative anomalies and omissions identified by the electoral community.

John Turner, Chief Executive of the AEA said:

"In this, our seventh post-election report, we provide an account of the experiences of electoral administrators in delivering the polls in 2017 and offer recommendations for improvements to the framework for electoral administration in the UK.

We remain concerned that despite many of these issues being previously raised, very little tangible progress is being seen to address them. We



therefore call once again on the Government to address our recommendations in a positive manner, to not shy away from the more difficult challenges and to demonstrate a greater sense of urgency in doing so than has been demonstrated in recent years.

The UK's electoral system is already fractured and will fail without proper attention being given to addressing the problems.

We look forward to actively working with all key stakeholders in moving this agenda forwards."

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2. Read the report in full [here](#).
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