



2021 Conference Plenary Session Information

Conference Opener – Managing 2021

Our opening session will look at managing the 2021 polls and the challenges faced with combined polls and Covid-19, including key lessons learnt from Scotland.

Keynote Speech from the Minister and Cabinet Office update

The Minister, Chloe Smith MP, (Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution at the Cabinet Office) will give the Conference's keynote speech. An update on relevant issues will also be given by Cabinet Office colleagues.

Canvass Reform

This session will look back at the 2020 canvass following the introduction of canvass reform and ahead to canvass 2021. Experiences and key lessons learnt from email canvassing and telephone canvassing will be outlined.

6 May – What else do I need to know?

The ever-evolving landscape of running elections in a covid-19 context with changes to legislation, updates to guidance and having to get to grips with the public health implications make it likely that one or two things may have slipped under your radar. This session serves to recap on the key developments and information provided to date and highlight the additional support the AEA has made available for members in running 6 May polls.

Education Plenary – Local Government Act 1972

This session will look at a challenging and wide-ranging piece of legislation that is often overlooked. It will consider the impact it has on our work, how best to access it, the role of the Proper Officer, casual vacancies, councillor resignations, and election requests amongst other things.

Close of Conference