

Report to:	Policy and Performance Advisory Committee
Date:	3 November 2022
Title:	Elections Act 2022
Report of:	Ian Fitzpatrick, Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer
Ward(s):	All
Purpose of Cabinet report:	This report provides members with an overview of the Elections Act 2022.
Officer recommendations to the Cabinet:	<p>(1) To note this report and the actions taken to date and planned to mitigate the risks involved with late implementation of secondary legislation made under powers conferred by the Elections Act 2022; and</p> <p>(2) To agree that copies of the report be circulated to all members and parish councils for information to make them aware of the Act and its provisions</p>
Recommendations to the Committee	The recommendations are detailed at 1.3 of this report
Reasons for recommendations to the Committee:	To provide a critical friend challenge to the Cabinet decision and policy making process.
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1 Introduction

- 1.1 In its role as a provider of public scrutiny and as critical friend, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee has a duty to provide a challenge to the executive decision and policy makers.
- 1.2 The Policy and Performance Advisory Committee is able to provide this challenge through the inclusion of the Council's Forward Plan of Decisions as a standing item on each of the Committee's agendas, allowing the Committee to request the inclusion of reports due for consideration by the Cabinet on its agenda and by asking that the relevant officers, heads of service or directors, attend the Committee meetings and discuss the content of the reports.

1.3 Following consideration of each item, where the Members will be able to ask questions of the relevant officers, heads of service, directors and other stakeholders, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee will provide one of the following three recommendations to the Cabinet:

- 1) To support the recommendations in the report in full; or
- 2) To support the recommendation in the report subject to the consideration by the Cabinet of any amendments agreed by Committee; or
- 3) To not support the recommendations in the report and give reasons.

1.4 The Cabinet will be provided with the recommendations from the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee when it considers the main report.

2 Financial / Legal / Risk Management / Equality Analysis/ Environmental Sustainability Implications/ Background Papers

2.1 All implications are addressed in the Cabinet report attached at Appendix 1.

- Appendix 1 – **Elections Act 2022**