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SCF CRITICISES LACK OF INFORMATION ON CROFTING ELECTIONS

The Scottish Crofting Federation has expressed disappointment at the lack of official information provided for candidates who are seeking election to the new Crofting Commission.

SCF Chair Derek Flyn said that late last year the SCF had been given assurances by a Crofters Commission representative that, before the deadline for nominations closed, a series of meetings would be held throughout the crofting counties at which information for potential candidates would be discussed.

Derek Flyn said: "It is disappointing that the Commission hasn't yet taken its electoral information roadshow through the crofting counties as they had said they would when we asked them at the annual crofting assessors' conference in Inverness in November.

"If these meetings were to have taken place before the deadline for nominations – which is set for the 26th of January – this might have encouraged more candidates to emerge. Despite this missed opportunity, the SCF hopes there will still be a healthy field of candidates and is encouraging crofters to think about standing for the new body."

Meanwhile the SCF is also reminding crofters who wish to vote in the election to the new Crofting Commission that they have until Thursday to make sure that their names are on the crofting electoral role.

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