Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland

Note of Meeting held on 27 April 2021 at 3.30pm

Via video link

# In Attendance:

Mr. Justice Michael Humphreys, Deputy Chair to the Boundary Commission (MH)

Sarah Havlin, Boundary Commissioner (SH)

Vilma Patterson, Boundary Commissioner (VP)

Virginia McVea, Chief Electoral Officer (VMcV)

Angela McGrath, Commissioner of Valuations, LPS (AMcG)

David Marshall, Director of Census and Population Statistics, NISRA (DM)

Jim Lennon, Chief Survey Officer, LPS (JL)

Heather McKinley, Secretary to the Boundary Commission (HMcK)

Andrea Richardson, Deputy Secretary to the Boundary Commission (AR)

Lisa Hay, Office Manager to the Boundary Commission (LH)

Lyn McBride, Support Officer to the Boundary Commission (LMcB)

# Apologies:

Siobhan Carey, Registrar General of Births and Deaths in Northern Ireland

# Introductions

MH welcomed all to the meeting and introduced himself as the recently appointed deputy chair of the Commission. The meeting was advised that the BCNI Secretariat is now fully staffed, with LH and LMcB being introduced.

# Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2021 were agreed.

# Update from the Secretary

An update on recent procurement was provided. The development of the Commission’s approach to the 2023 Review was discussed, along with the planned development and publication of the Guide to the Review. The meeting was advised that the initial consultation period was anticipated to commence in autumn 2021. This timetable is intended to de-conflict with the timetable for the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner’s review. Members were also updated on recent correspondence and actions arising.

# Briefing for Political Parties and Independents

The proposed date and attendee list for the briefing for political parties and independents were agreed. There was discussion about options for how the briefing would be facilitated – in-person, fully virtual, or a hybrid model, in line with the public health restrictions in place at the time.

# Accommodation

Matters relating to current office space and rental arrangements were discussed and next steps agreed.

# Risk Register

Attendees discussed the Commission’s current risk register which included specific considerations around Covid-19.

# AOB

Correspondence received was discussed and next steps agreed.

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