



NOTE OF MEETING OF BCNI OF 11 APRIL 2018 at 15.30

Location: Conference Room, The Bungalow, Stormont House

In attendance:

Dr Bill Smith (Commissioner, BCNI)
Sarah Havlin (Commissioner, BCNI)
Eamonn McConville (Secretary, BCNI)
Michael Harris (Deputy Secretary, BCNI)
Tim Johnston (Office Manager, BCNI)

1. Consultation Responses

It was noted that a significant number of responses had been received during the Revised Proposals consultation. There was a discussion around the summary of the consultation responses and major themes arising. The Secretariat and Commissioners will now undertake further delineation work with a view developing Final Recommendations.

AP1 – Delineation work on Final Recommendations to proceed

2. Split wards

The meeting discussed the issue of splitting wards. It was agreed that the delineation work should avoid splitting wards if at all possible. However, where the splitting of a ward was required to provide the best outcome across Northern Ireland, particularly at Final Recommendations stage, then the Commission should proceed accordingly.

The Commissioners requested data on the split at Loughries previously considered.

AP2 – Secretary to send split ward data on Loughries to Commissioners

3. Submission on Human Rights

The meeting discussed a submission received relating to human rights and the work of the Commission. It was agreed that no actions were required in relation to this matter.

4. Preparations for Final Recommendations Report

The Secretary advised that APS were the new contractors responsible for producing all papers going to parliament. Initial contact had been made with APS on behalf of all the UK Commissions by BCE. BCNI will be liaising directly with APS in terms of printing schedule and costs.

5. Close of Meeting

- There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

BCNI Secretariat

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