



## NOTE OF MEETING OF BCNI - 24 APRIL 2018 at 1230

**Location:** Conference Room, The Bungalow, Stormont House

### **In attendance:**

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

### **1. Purpose of meeting**

It was proposed that the purpose of the meeting was to agree some of the principles for mapping the final recommendations rather than to agree any final mapping solution today. It was also an opportunity to bring the Commission up to date on related matters.

### **2. Final Recommendations report**

Commissioners were updated on some of the practical issues regarding publication of the Final Recommendations Report. The Secretary explained that initial contact had been made with APS, the printers contracted to print all official Westminster Act and Command papers. This initial contact suggests that BCNI's print requirements should be straightforward for APS and that turn-around of a final print document should only be a matter of days once the final proof is agreed.

Commissioners were also made aware of a letter from the BCE Secretary to Andrea Leadsom MP, Leader of the House of Commons, setting out BCE's intentions to submit its Final Recommendations in early September. It was agreed that a similar letter to the NI Secretary of State was not necessary at this time.

### **3. Mapping solutions**

The meeting discussed a number of alternative mapping solutions worked up by the Secretariat in light of valid input received during the recent consultation.

Following discussion of the main issues and options for splitting wards, it was agreed that the Secretariat would focus their delineation work on the direction provided by the Members. The Secretariat will also undertake work to explore possible options that involve more extensive changes whilst retaining the overall objective of presenting the best solution for Northern Ireland as a whole.

**AP1 – Secretariat to explore additional mapping solutions taking account of the various issues raised in consultation.**

#### **4. Next meeting**

It was agreed that the Commission should meet again in mid-May following further mapping of possible solutions.

**AP2 – Secretary to confirm date of next meeting in mid-May.**

#### **5. Close of Meeting**

- There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

**BCNI Secretariat  
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