

NOTE OF MEETING OF BCNI – 5 JUNE 2018 at 1400

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. Minutes of previous meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes of the 17 May meeting were formally agreed. Matters arising from that meeting have all been actioned. The main action points from that meeting were for the Secretariat to secure a meeting date with the Assessors (set for 11 June @ 3.45pm), and for Dr Smith & Ms Havlin to produce a draft rationale for the agreed Final Proposals. The purpose of this latest meeting was to review that rationale and agree other issues around the future role of the Secretariat.

2. Letter to Sir Jonathan Stephens

Those present reviewed and amended the existing draft of a proposed letter to Sir Jonathan Stephens, NIO, which sets out Members' concerns about the proposal for the Boundary Commission to go into abeyance at the end of December 2018 resulting in the loss of expertise, knowledge and continuity in the interim period before the next Review. It was agreed that the letter would be reworked and should include a request to meet.

AP1 – Secretary to rework draft letter and circulate to Members.

3. Final Recommendations Report

Those present reviewed the composite draft prepared by the Secretariat, which incorporated the draft rationale provided by Dr Smith and Ms Havlin. A number of textual adjustments were discussed and it was agreed to circulate a further draft before disseminating to Assessors for the meeting on 11 June.

AP1 – Secretariat to apply agreed changes to Draft Report and send to SH by 6 June pm.

AP2 – SH to include some additional rewording and return to the Secretary.

AP3 – Secretariat to issue amended draft to Assessors ahead of 11 June meeting.

4. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

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