

Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland



Meeting of the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland

Tuesday 12 January 2016 @ 2.00pm

The Bungalow, Stormont House, Stormont Estate, Belfast

Present: **The Hon Madam Justice McBride (Deputy Chairperson)**
 Dr Bill Smith (Commissioner)
 Sarah Havlin (Commissioner)
 Eamonn McConville (Secretary)

1. Welcome

The Deputy Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Secretary Update

The Secretary provided a progress report in relation to establishing the office infrastructure. Interviews for the Deputy Secretary and Office Manager posts would be held on 19 & 20 January respectively. An advertisement for the Administrative Officer post would be initiated in the coming weeks.

3. Forthcoming Review

Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the forthcoming Review would be known as the '2018 Review'.

It was also agreed that confirmation of the electoral quota would inform the methodological approach to be used by the Commission for the 2018 Review. A meeting of the full Commission will be arranged to coincide with the announcement of the electoral quota.

4. Annual Meeting of the UK Boundary Commissions

BCNI will host the 2016 annual meeting of the UK Commissions. Arrangements will be taken forward once the other secretariat staff are in place.

5. Any Other Business

It was noted that Dr Smith had provided oral evidence and subsequent written submissions to the Political and Constitutional Reform Parliamentary Committee but that despite the Committee publishing its report in March 2015 including a number of the recommendations put forward by Dr Smith, no formal Government response had issued.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be arranged for Tuesday 23 February to include the Assessors.

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