Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland

Note of Meeting held on 24 August 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)

Angela McGrath, Commissioner of Valuation, LPS (AMcG)

Jim Lennon, Chief Survey Officer, LPS (JL)

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

Rico Santiago, Senior Map and Charting Officer, LPS (RS)

Fiona Noade, OSNI GI Manager, LPS (FN)

Heather McKinley, Secretary to the Boundary Commission (HMcK)

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, Deaths and Marriages in Northern Ireland

Virginia McVea, Chief Electoral Officer (VMcV)

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

# Welcome and Introduction

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting.

# Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

# Update from Secretary

For information, members were provided with an update on the consultation timetable for BCE, BCW and BCS.

HMcK apprised members of further correspondence in relation to the Commission’s forecast budgetary position and other financial matters.

Attendees were updated regarding some practical arrangements for the upcoming consultation, in particular regarding public display points. Alternative formats will also be available as required.

# Update on Development of Initial Proposals

Attendees were presented with a comprehensive update on the progress to date for developing the Commission’s initial proposals. Since the publication of the Guide to the Review in late May, Commissioners, Secretariat and LPS have been working on developing initial proposals, based on the approach set out in the Guide. Development has steadily progressed, with weekly meetings taking place to assess various options. Public consultation was scheduled to begin in autumn 2021.

# Annual Report 2020/2021

HMcK thanked Commissioners for providing comments/amendments to the report. The 2020/2021 Annual Report was agreed by members. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the Chairman will receive a copy, and the report will be uploaded to the website in due course.

# Privacy Notice and UK GDPR Consultation Impact

Members’ were presented with a draft privacy notice for discussion/approval, and an accompanying paper.

# AOB

The date of the next meeting – 21st September 2021.