Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland

Note of meeting held on 19 March 2021at 1pm

Via video link

# Present

Sarah Havlin, Commissioner (SH)

Vilma Patterson, Commissioner (VP)

Heather McKinley, Secretary (HMcK)

Andrea Richardson, Deputy Secretary (AR)

# Procurement

A number of procurement matters were discussed and Commissioners’ steer sought on next steps.

# Timetabling of Review

Commissioners agreed that aiming for an autumn 2021 publication date for initial proposals was their preference. They agreed that the ability to adopt a flexible approach to timings, in order to mitigate against any unforeseen delays or issues, was important, and that aiming to commence public consultation in autumn 2021 would facilitate the most flex.

The need for clear public messaging and coordination due to the partially concurrent LGBC Review was agreed.

# Practical Approach to the Review

Commissioners were content with the practical, operational approach as outlined by the Secretariat. This iterative approach would best facilitate a coordinated, collaborative and transparent decision-making process.

SH and VP noted that a useful starting point for the 2023 Review would be to look at the existing constituency boundaries and their relevant electorate in order to identify areas of change.

# Meeting with Assessors on 23rd March

It was agreed that the Secretariat would forward a draft agenda for the meeting to Commissioners for their consideration, before sharing with the Assessors.

# AOB

Progress toward the appointment of the new deputy chair was discussed.

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