Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland

Minutes of Meeting held on 25 May 2021 at 3.30pm

Via Microsoft Teams

**In Attendance:**

Mr. Justice Michael Humphreys, Deputy Chair to the Boundary Commission (MH)

Sarah Havlin, Boundary Commissioner (SH)

Vilma Patterson, Boundary Commissioner (VP)

Virginia McVea, Chief Electoral Officer (VMcV)

Angela McGrath, Commissioner of Valuation, LPS (AMcG)

Jim Lennon, Chief Survey Officer, LPS (JL)

Heather McKinley, Secretary to the Boundary Commission (HMcK)

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

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

David Marshall, Director of Census and Population Statistics, NISRA

# Welcome and Introduction

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting.

# Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2021 were agreed.

# Update from the Secretary

Attendees were advised that a meeting with LPS mapping staff is planned for the first week of June, with mapping work to support the development of initial proposals anticipated to begin shortly thereafter.

Members were updated on the Commission’s budgetary position, following recent correspondence from the NIO.

It was agreed that plans to prepare the annual report for 2020/2021 will commence over the summer, with the view to publishing in late August.

# Guide to the 2023 Review

Attendees were updated on development of the Guide to the 2023 Review, ahead of the anticipated publication date of 27 May 2021; the political parties’ briefing was also being held on this date. Members were advised that a final version of the Guide would be circulated as soon as possible. MH thanked the Secretariat for their ongoing work in developing the Guide.

# BCNI Accommodation

There was a discussion about BCNI’s accommodation requirement going forward. It was agreed that the matter should be reconsidered by the Commission at a later stage.

# AOB

There were no items raised.

**Secretariat**

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