

# Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland



## Minutes of a Meeting of the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland

Tuesday 24 May 2016 @ 2.30pm

The Bungalow, Stormont House, Stormont Estate, Belfast

### Present:

**The Hon Madam Justice McBride (Deputy Chairperson, BCNI)**  
**Dr Bill Smith (Commissioner, BCNI)**  
**Sarah Havlin (Commissioner, BCNI)**  
**Eamonn McConville (Secretary, BCNI)**  
**Tim Johnston (Secretariat, BCNI)**  
**Adam McCalden (Secretariat, BCNI)**

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The Deputy Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Preparations for Commission meeting with Political Parties on 27 May 2016

The Secretariat provided details of the housekeeping arrangements for the upcoming meeting with parties and independents in Parliament Buildings. The Commissioners discussed and agreed the draft briefing materials and agreed lines to take for anticipated questioning.

### 3. Review of Provisional Mapping Activity

Commissioners reviewed the current working draft plan for the allocation of 17 constituencies to NI. Following extensive debate, the Commission agreed to proceed with the working draft plan, with some minor adjustments to the naming of some of the new constituencies, and undertook to prepare a rationale document to support this.

### 4. Update from the Secretary

The Secretary advised of the planned dates for the commencement of public consultations in Scotland, England & Wales. BCNI intends to launch its public consultation in week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> September. The Secretary will agree details of participation required from the Chairs of public meetings in consultation with Deputy Chair in due course.

The Secretary confirmed that BCNI will host the annual meeting of the four UK Commissions, provisionally in December 2016. The Secretariat will present firm proposals to the Commission in due course.

**5. AOB**

It was agreed that formal acknowledgement of the assistance provided by colleagues in LPS, and the flexibility of the IT platform provided to assist with the mapping process, should be included in the Review documentation.

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the full Commission is to be arranged for mid-June 2016 – Secretariat to investigate suitable times and issue details as soon as possible.

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