UK Commissions' Meeting 27-28 February 2025

Action

1. The Commission is invited to note the arrangements for the annual UK Commissions meeting in London on 27/28 February 2025.

Background

2. The last UK Commissions' meeting was jointly hosted by BCS/BS in December 2023. LGBCE is hosting the upcoming meeting.

Commission representation

3. Gillian McGregor will represent the Commission along with the Secretary. Ailsa Henderson will attend in her capacity as Chair of Boundaries Scotland along with Commissioners, Alan Stewart and Martin Smith.

Meeting

- 4. The Commission has been provided with a copy of the attached summary by email (Appendix A). This summary has now been submitted and is likely to be included in the meeting papers. A short bio of each Commissioner attending has also been provided.
- 5. It is expected that the agenda will follow a similar format to previous meetings. Once received, the agenda will be shared with Commissioners.

Conclusion

6. The Commission is invited to note the above.

Secretariat

February 2025

Boundary Commission for Scotland: UK Commissions Update 2025

Since the last UK Commissions' meeting, Boundary Commission for Scotland has met three times. The main areas of discussion have been: -

- Lessons learned from the 2023 review. BCS' lessons learned paper has been shared with the other UK Commissions. An action list has also been created to ensure that changes are made in plenty of time for the next review.
- Liaising with other UK Commissions regarding potential legislative change.
 This is one of the key actions from BCS' lessons learned paper. The
 Secretaries from each Commission met prior to the Christmas break to
 discuss whether there is a shared interest in potential legislative change.
 Joint email sent on 5 February 2025 to MCHLG.
- Updating governance documents and processes including the risk register.

We have also welcomed one new Commissioner Gillian McGregor and the new Secretary, Kirsty Mavor.

During the quiet period the Commission intends to meet at least twice a year. More frequent meetings will be held if required.

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