

Minutes of Meeting held by video conference at 10am on 4 April 2022.

Present

The Hon Lord Matthews, Deputy Chair
Dr Sue Walker, Commissioner
Professor Ailsa Henderson, Commissioner
Mr Dominic Cuthbert, Ordnance Survey, Assessor

Isabel Drummond-Murray, Secretary
Colin Wilson
Douglas Campbell
Yvonne Croll

Apologies

Mr Paul Lowe, National Records for Scotland, Assessor

Minutes of previous meeting

1. The Commission approved the minutes of the meeting on 31 January 2022 without amendment.

Matters Arising

2. The Secretary informed the Commission that she had met with Lawrence Rockey from the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland (OSSS) on 2 February 2022. OSSS has still to confirm when they would like to meet with the Commission.
3. The Secretary advised that the Secretariat continues to follow guidance from the Scottish Government regarding the transition to hybrid working for Secretariat staff. The Secretariat is trialling a hybrid video Commission meeting with Boundaries Scotland on 7 April 2022 and will update the Commission in more detail at the next meeting as to the meeting's success.

Business Update

4. The Commission were informed that Boundaries Scotland is commencing its Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries later this year.

2023 Review: Summary of responses to Initial Proposals Secondary Consultation (Paper 2022/05)

5. The Commission discussed the summary of responses paper and the main issues that emerged during the secondary public consultation on the Commission's Initial Proposals for constituencies running from 10 February to 23 March 2022.
6. The Commission asked the Secretariat to circulate a copy of all responses to consultations to further facilitate the Commission's consideration of alternative suggestions ahead of any decisions regarding Revised Proposals.
7. The Commission asked the Secretariat to present options at its next meeting, focussing on revised constituencies in an Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus, Argyll and Bute, Clackmannanshire, Dundee City, Falkirk, Fife, Highland, Moray, Perth and Kinross, Stirling and West Lothian council area grouping.

8. Following discussions regarding the low attendance at Public Hearings, the Commission asked the Secretariat to bring a paper to a later meeting on how hybrid Public Hearings could be held in the future.
9. The Commission discussed the draft revised proposals paper and made some minor suggestions on the content.

Finance Update (Paper 2022/06)

10. The Commission were asked to email the Secretariat if they have any queries on the finance update.

Any other business

11. There was no other business.

Secretariat

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