

Minutes of Meeting held by video conference at 10am on 22 November 2021.

Present

The Hon Lord Matthews, Deputy Chair
Dr Sue Walker, Commissioner
Professor Ailsa Henderson, Commissioner

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

Apologies

Mr Dominic Cuthbert, Ordnance Survey, Assessor
Mr Paul Lowe, National Records for Scotland, Assessor

Minutes of previous meeting

1. The Commission approved the minutes of the meeting on 28 September 2021 without amendment.

Matters Arising

2. There were no matters arising.

Business Update

3. The Secretary updated the Commission that the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland (OSSS) would like to meet with the Commission and the Secretary agreed to liaise further with officials.
4. The Deputy Chair reported that he had attended a meeting with the other Boundary Commissions regarding legal advice the Boundary Commission for England had sought on holding virtual public hearings.

2023 Review: Summary of responses to initial consultation period (oral update)

5. The Commission noted an interim update on the summary of responses received during the consultation from 14 October to 14 November 2021. A more detailed examination and analysis of responses to the initial consultation will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

2023 Review: Press coverage following publication of initial proposals (Paper 2021/28)

6. The Commission noted the media reports in Paper 2021/28.

2023 Review: Preparations for Secondary Consultation and Public Hearings (Paper 2021/29) and oral update

7. The Commission discussed Paper 2021/29 and considered its approach for the 2023 Review secondary consultation and locations for its public hearings.
8. The Commission asked the Secretary to contact OSSS to seek clarification about emergency legislation to hold hybrid public meetings given the unknown situation with Covid-19.

9. The Commission asked the Secretariat to write to Sheriff Principals asking for their availability in February 2022 with a view to chairing five public hearings in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Oban and Perth.
10. For the Public Hearings, the Commission agreed on three, 2-hour sessions (morning, afternoon and evening), throughout the day so as many people as possible have the opportunity to attend, depending on public interest.

Risk Register (Paper 2021/30)

11. The Commission considered Paper 2021/30 and agreed it subject to a number of minor amendments.

Corporate Plan (Paper 2021/31)

12. The Commission agreed the Corporate Plan subject to a number of minor amendments.

Finance Update (Paper 2021/32)

13. The Commission noted the finance update.

Any other business

14. The Secretariat will liaise with the Commission on their availability for a Commission meeting in January or early February 2022.

Secretariat

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