

Minutes of Meeting held by video conference at 10am on 24 April 2023

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
Pat Allan
Douglas Campbell
Yvonne Croll

Apologies

Ms Janet Egdell, National Records for Scotland, Interim Chief Executive

Minutes of previous meeting

1. The minutes of the 20 March 2023 meeting were agreed with no amendments.

Matters Arising

2. There were no matters arising that would not be covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Business Update

3. The Commission heard that National Records of Scotland (NRS) have published their 1 December 2022 electorate data. The Commission noted that this is now known as “People registered to vote” (previously called Electoral Statistics). The Secretariat informed the Commission that the latest figures will be reviewed.
4. The Commission noted that Boundaries Scotland (BS) plans to consult on its Provisional Proposals for constituencies for the Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries in May 2023.
5. The Secretary informed the Commission that Professor Henderson had been successful with her application for Chair of Boundaries Scotland. Her appointment will commence from 1 June 2023.

2023 Review: Draft Final Report and News Release Paper (2023/16)

6. The Commission considered a draft version of the above report and news release. The Commission suggested a number of minor changes and asked the Secretariat to prepare some revised maps for inclusion in the report. The Secretariat agreed to share a revised version of the report with the Commission before the final submission date.

Finance Update (oral update)

7. The Commission noted the finance update.

Any other business

8. The Commission agreed to meet again once the final report is submitted.

Secretariat

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