Minutes of the meeting on 22 and 23 May 2017

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Attendees:

Panel:

* Professor Laura McAllister (Chair)
* Professor Rosie Campbell
* Rob Clements
* Professor David Farrell
* Dr Alan Renwick
* Sir Paul Silk

Officials:

* Adrian Crompton (Director of Assembly Business)
* Helen Finlayson (Clerk to the Expert Panel)
* Huw Gapper (Senior Constitutional Change Officer, for items 1, 2 and 3)
* Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk to the Expert Panel)
* Gwyn Griffiths (Senior Legal Adviser)
* Helen Jones (Senior Research Officer, for item 5)
* Lisa Salkeld ( Legal Adviser, for items 6, 7 and 8)

Monday 22 May 2017

1. Introductions and minutes of the last meeting
   1. The Panel agreed the minutes of the last meeting. The Panel agreed to publish the minutes on its webpage.
2. Chair’s update
   1. The Chair updated the Panel on her discussions with the Political Reference Group and other stakeholders.
3. Minimum voting age
   1. The Panel considered the evidence it had received to date and discussed issues relating to minimum voting age.
4. Capacity and size of the Assembly
   1. The Panel reviewed the evidence received to date relating to the size and capacity of the Assembly, and the role and impact of parliamentary scrutiny.

Tuesday 23 May 2017

1. Electoral systems and areas
   1. The Panel reviewed the evidence it had received to date and discussed issues relating to electoral systems.
2. Boundary review mechanisms
   1. The Panel discussed issues relating to boundary review mechanisms.
3. Forward work programme
   1. The Panel agreed its forward work programme and meeting dates up to October 2017.
   2. The Panel agreed to publish the written submissions received to date.