Minutes of the meeting on 7 March 2017

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Attendees:

Panel:

* Professor Laura McAllister (Chair)
* 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)
* Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk to the Expert Panel)
* Gwyn Griffiths (Senior Legal Adviser)

Apologies:

* Professor Sarah Childs
* Professor Rosie Campbell

1. Minutes of the last meeting
   1. The Panel agreed the minutes of the last meeting subject to minor changes. 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, stakeholders and the media.
3. Co-terminosity
   1. The Panel discussed issues relating to electoral areas for Assembly elections, including whether, in principle, Assembly and Westminster constituencies should be co-terminous.
   2. It agreed to seek further evidence on specific questions from experts and key stakeholders.
4. Minimum voting age
   1. The Panel discussed issues relating to the minimum voting age.
   2. It agreed to seek further evidence on specific questions from experts and key stakeholders.
5. Capacity of the Assembly
   1. The Panel considered issues relating to the size and capacity of the Assembly, and the role and impact of parliamentary scrutiny.
   2. It agreed to seek further evidence on specific questions from experts and key stakeholders.
6. Forward work programme
   1. The Panel agreed its forward work programme and meeting dates up to July 2017.
   2. In addition to posing specific questions to experts and key stakeholders, the Panel agreed to publish information about its work on its website and invite the submission of comments or evidence.