Minutes of the meeting on 22 September 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:

* Candice Boyes (Deputy Clerk to the Expert Panel)
* Adrian Crompton (Director of Assembly Business)
* Helen Finlayson (Clerk to the Expert Panel)
* Gwyn Griffiths (Senior Legal Adviser)
* Helen Jones (Senior Research Officer)
* Lisa Salkeld ( Legal Adviser)
* Rhuanedd Richards (Policy Adviser) (item 7)

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. Report structure
   1. The Panel considered and agreed the structure of its report.
4. Minimum voting age
   1. The Panel reviewed evidence received to date on this subject and agreed conclusions relating to the minimum voting age.
5. Capacity and size of the Assembly
   1. The Panel reviewed evidence received to date and agreed conclusions relating to capacity and size of the Assembly.
6. Electoral systems
   1. The Panel discussed issues relating to electoral systems and boundaries.
7. Communications
   1. The Panel discussed arrangements for the publication of its report, and associated communications and stakeholder engagement activity.
8. Forward work programme, publication of evidence and any other business
   1. The Panel reviewed and agreed its forward work programme.
   2. The Panel agreed to publish the written submissions received to date.