Minutes of the meeting on 12 June 2017

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Attendees:

Panel:

* Professor Laura McAllister (Chair)
* Professor Sarah Childs
* 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)
* Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk to the Expert Panel)
* Gwyn Griffiths (Senior Legal Adviser)
* Helen Jones (Senior Research Officer)
* Lisa Salkeld ( Legal Adviser)
* Non Gwilym (Head of Communications, for item 6)

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. Electoral Systems: principles
   1. The Panel reviewed and agreed the principles against which it would assess electoral systems.
4. Diversity of representation
   1. The Panel reviewed the evidence it had received to date and discussed issues relating to diversity of representation.
5. Electoral systems
   1. The Panel reviewed the evidence it had received to date and discussed issues relating to electoral systems.
   2. The Panel agreed to commission the Wales Governance Centre to prepare modelling of electoral systems and to include a question on voting preferences in an upcoming survey. Laura McAllister declared an interest as a member of staff of the Wales Governance Centre.
6. Communication of the Panel’s work
   1. The Panel considered its approach to communicating its work.
7. Forward work programme
   1. The Panel reviewed and agreed its forward work programme.
   2. The Panel agreed to publish the written submissions received to date.