

## **Minutes of the first meeting of 2022 of the Boundary Commission for England, held on 6 January 2022**

Mr Justice Lane (Deputy Chair)  
Colin Byrne (Commissioner)  
Sarah Hamilton (Commissioner)  
Tim Bowden (Secretary to the Commission)  
Deputy Secretary to the Commission  
Head of Corporate Services  
Communications Manager

### **1. Public hearings**

- 1.1. Commissioners considered the latest published data on the Covid-19 pandemic. The Commission agreed that based on the latest position on Covid-19 in England, the secondary consultation (during which the public hearings are held) should go ahead as planned between 22 February and 4 April 2022.
- 1.2. Commissioners agreed that a number of measures needed to be put in place to ensure the welfare of staff and those attending. These included, the provision of lateral flow tests for staff, encouraging mask wearing, staff risk assessments, guidance for the public and contingency planning arrangements.
- 1.3. It was agreed that guidance for the public hearings would be circulated for agreement by correspondence.
- 1.4. Commissioners agreed to advertise and open up the speaking slots for the public hearings, during the week commencing 17 January 2022.