MINUTE of MEETING of the **SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE** of the **POLICY and RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held remotely on Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 12 noon.

Present: Councillors DAVID FAIRWEATHER, MARK SALMOND, BILL DUFF, BEN LAWRIE

AND BETH WHITESIDE.

Councillor FAIRWEATHER, Convener, in the Chair.

## 1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Angus MacMillan Douglas OBE with Councillor Mark Salmond substituting.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Duff declared a connection in Item 4, Report No 40/22, as the Campaign Manager for an Angus Parliamentary Candidate at the last General Election. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Lawrie declared a connection in Item 4 Report No 40/22 as a General Election Candidate for Angus in 2019. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on the item.

## 3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Sub Committee of 17 November 2021 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

## 4. 2023 REVIEW OF UK PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of meeting of the Special Sub Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee of 17 November 2021, there was submitted Report No 40/22 by the Chief Executive advising members of the Sub Committee of the Boundary Commission for Scotland's intention to hold Public Hearings across Scotland as part of the secondary consultation period for the 2023 Review of UK Parliament constituencies.

The Report indicated Public Hearings would run until 23 March 2022 and was an opportunity for those who made representations to share their views on the Commission's initial proposals for the new UK Parliament constituencies, in person. Due to limited availability, a provisional request had been made for a speaking slot at the Perth Hearing on 18 February 2022 between 10am and 12 noon.

Following discussion and having heard from the Manager – Elections, Commercialisation and Facilities who outlined the process and arrangements for attendance, and also from the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the Commission's intention to hold Public Hearings; and
- (ii) to nominate Councillor MacMillan Douglas as the Council representative to attend the Public Hearing in Perth to present the Council's written representations, as based on the position put forward previously.