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NEWS RELEASE

Local Government Boundaries Commissioner Announces Schedule for Public Hearings across all Council areas

The Local Government Boundaries Commissioner has confirmed the schedule of dates and venues for the public hearing events which will now be held in all 11 local government districts across Northern Ireland. The events are an important part of the overall Local Government Boundaries Review process and are now available for interested parties to register their interest in either participating or observing.

Each event will be facilitated by an Assistant Commissioner and be held between 10am – 2pm, combining in-person and online attendance.

To ensure compliance with ongoing measures in place for indoor meetings as a result of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, those wishing to attend any of the district hearings in person are asked to register their attendance in advance. Due to these restrictions, a limit of 20 people will be placed for in-person attendance at each venue at any one time.

Virtual attendance **must** also be booked in advance, to facilitate sharing the remote meeting joining details and for scheduling purposes. There is no limit set for virtual attendance.

At booking, those interested in attending must indicate whether they wish to make a representation to the Assistant Commissioner and provide an approximate preferable time slot. The Commissioner's team will try and accommodate each request as best as possible, and the agreed running order will be announced at the beginning of each hearing.

If anyone requires simultaneous sign language interpretation, translation or interpretation in another language, these requests must be submitted to the Commissioner's office no later than one week in advance of the relevant event, either online on the booking form or via email to: info@lgbc-ni.org.uk.

The schedule for the public hearing events is as follows, Further details and booking information can be found at <https://www.lgbc-ni.org.uk/public-hearings>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES COMMISSIONER REVIEW – PUBLIC HEARINGS

Date & Time	Location
Tuesday 28 th September 10am – 2pm	Ards & North Down Strangford Arms Hotel 92 Church Street, Newtownards BT23 4AL https://www.strangfordhotel.com/location-map/
Wednesday 29 th September 10am – 2pm	Newry Mourne & Down Canal Court Hotel Merchants Quay, Newry, BT35 8HF https://www.canalcourthotel.com/location.html

Thursday 30 th September 10am – 2pm	Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Armagh City Hotel 2 Friary Road, Armagh, BT60 4FR https://www.armaghcityhotel.com/location
Friday 1 st October 10am – 2pm	Lisburn and Castlereagh Lagan Valley Island Centre The Island Centre, Lisburn, BT27 4RL https://www.laganvalleyisland.co.uk/contact/
Tuesday 5 th October 10am – 2pm	Belfast Crowne Plaza Hotel, 117 Milltown Rd, Shaws Bridge , Belfast BT8 7XP https://www.cpbelfast.com/
Wednesday 6 th October 10am – 2pm	Fermanagh and Omagh Silverbirch Hotel 5 Gortin Road, Omagh, BT79 7DH https://www.silverbirchhotel.com/
Thursday 7 th October 10am – 2pm	Mid Ulster Ranfurlly House & Hill of O'Neill 26 Market Square, Tyrone, Dungannon, BT70 1AB https://www.hilloftheoneill.com/
Friday 8 th October 10am – 2pm	Antrim and Newtownabbey Theatre at The Mill Mossley Mill, Carnmoney Rd N, Newtownabbey BT36 5QA https://theatreatthemill.com/
Tuesday 12 th October 10am – 2pm	Derry City and Strabane District Everglades Hotel Prehen Road, Derry, BT47 2NH https://www.hastingshotels.com/everglades-hotel/
Wednesday 13 th October 10am – 2pm	Causeway Coast & Glens Flowerfield Arts Centre 185 Coleraine Rd, Portstewart BT55 7HU https://www.flowerfield.org/contact-us-1
Thursday 14 th Oct 10am – 2pm	Mid and East Antrim Adair Arms Hotel 1-7 Ballymoney Rd, Ballymena BT43 5BS https://www.adairarms.com/location/

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Notes to editors

1. The appointment of the Commissioner, the terms of the Review procedure that applies to the Commissioner's recommendations are set out in Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, as amended.

[Local Government Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1972 \(external link opens in a new window / tab\)](#)

2. There is a statutory duty to appoint the Commissioner within 12 years of the last review, which was completed in 2009.
3. While Department for Communities (DfC) is the sponsor Department for LGBC, the Commissioner and the Review is independent of Government Departments and Ministers.
4. Views are sought on all aspects of the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner's Provisional Recommendations, including the boundaries and names of the eleven new local government districts and the number, boundaries and names of the wards into which each district is divided.