NORTHERN
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COMMISSION

**2 September 2024**

**269th COMMISSION MEETING**
**Held in the Commission's Offices,**
**Alfred House, 19-21 Alfred Street, Belfast, BT2 8ED and via Teams**

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| **Present:** | Alyson Kilpatrick |
| | Helen Henderson |
| | Justin Kouame |
| | Stephen White |
| | Mairead Holder |

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| **In attendance:** | David Russell, Chief Executive |
| | Rebecca Magee, Executive Assistant |
| | Colin Caughey, Director (Advice to Government, Research, and Investigations) |
| | Éilis Haughey, Director (Human Rights after EU Withdrawal) |
| | Claire Martin, Director (Engagement and Communications) |
| | Hannah Russell, Senior Policy & Research Officer (agenda items 7&8) |
| | Jason McKeown, Senior Engagement & Communications Officer (agenda item 10) |
| | Michael Boyd, Senior Engagement & Communications Officer (agenda item 10) |

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| Apologies: | Jonathan Kearney |
| | David Lavery |

**Commissioners are delighted to welcome Mairead Holder to the Commission following her appointment as Commissioner.**

# 1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Commissioners Lavery and Kearney.

1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

## 2. Draft minutes of the 268th Commission meeting and Closed minute and matters arising

2.1 The minutes of the 268th Commission meeting were agreed.
**Action: Minutes of the 268th Commission meeting to be uploaded to the website.**

## 3. Chief Commissioner's report

3.1 Commissioners noted the Chief Commissioner's report.

## 4. Commissioners' reports

4.1 Nothing to report.

## 5. Chief Executive report

5.1 The Chief Executive provided an update on the budget for 2024-2025.  A letter of delegation is still awaited and will be shared with Commissioners as soon as possible.

5.2 The Chief Executive provided an update the Baseline Review currently taking place.  The draft of the report is currently being reviewed with a hope to finalise by end of September.

## 6. Finance Report

6.1 The Chief Executive provided an update on expenditure for Core and the Dedicated Mechanism.

## 7. Annual Statement

7.1 The Senior Policy & Research Officer presented Commissioners with a proposed guide on how to apply the traffic light system in practice including proposed revised definitions of red, amber and green.

It also includes the proposed introduction a way to identify if an issue has had no significant development, either progressive or regressive, in year.

7.2    Commissioners discussed the proposal and approved the proposed guide on how to apply the traffic light system.

7.3    The Senior Policy & Research Officer presented the second paper on the Annual Statement which proposed wording for a statement of purpose and audience. This reflects the proposed revised definitions of the traffic light system (item 7.1 refers).

7.4    Commissioners agreed to the proposed wording for a statement of purpose and audience.


## 8.    Research - Online Disinformation

8.1.    The Senior Policy & Research Officer presented Commissioners with the Draft research – Online Disinformation.  The aim of this research is to establish the domestic and international legal framework relating to online disinformation that is relevant to NI.

8.2    Commissioners discussed the Online Disinformation research in depth and agreed that more time should be given to properly review.
**Action: Comments on the Online Disinformation research to be shared by 2nd October.**

## 9.    KPI Report – first quarter

9.1    The Chief Executive presented the KPI Report - First quarter, highlighting that this the second year this report has been produced and with experience the report has been streamlined.

9.2    The Directors present (Engagement & Communications and Advice to Government, Research, and Investigations) spoke to their sections of the first quarter report.

9.3    Commissioners noted the report.


## 10.    KPI Report –Engagement & Communications

10.1 The Director (Engagement & Communications) introduced the Engagement & Communications KPI report.

10.2 The Senior Engagement & Communications Officers gave a presentation that covered:
- School engagement
- Climate/SDG and Eco Schools Engagement
- Sport & Human Rights Forum
- Business & Human Rights Stakeholder Engagement
- Events
- Training

## 11.   KPI Team updates

11.1 Nothing to report.

## 12.   Any other business

12.1 Nothing to report.

The main meeting closed at 12:45pm.