



**16 July 2025**

## **Special Commission Meeting**

**Held in the Commission's Offices,  
Alfred House, 19-21 Alfred Street, Belfast, BT2 8ED**

**Present:** Alyson Kilpatrick, Chief Commissioner  
Helen Henderson (online)  
Mairead Holder  
Jonathan Kearney (online)  
Justin Kouame (online)  
David Lavery  
Stephen White

**In attendance:** David Russell, Chief Executive  
Lorraine Hamill, Director (Finance, Personnel and  
Corporate Affairs)  
Claire Martin, Director (Communications, Information  
and Education, Public and Political Affairs)

### **1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

- 1.1 There were no apologies.
- 1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

### **2. Legacy**

- 2.1 The Chief Commissioner had convened the meeting following requests by Commissioners.

- 2.2 The meeting was arranged to discuss a recent newspaper interview regarding the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery and the UK government's approach to Legacy.
- 2.3 The Chief Commissioner clarified a number of points in relation to the article and explained the context of the interview.
- 2.4 A discussion followed on the content of the article and the approach going forward, including any further responses to ongoing coverage.
- 2.5 It was agreed that a further paper on Legacy would be produced and circulated for discussion as soon as possible. Once finalised and approved this paper would be published.  
**Action: Further paper on Legacy to be circulated in advance of the August Commission meeting for discussion.**

The meeting ended at 4.00pm.