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Thank you for your letter of 23 July, and for chairing the Advisory Assessment Panel for the new appointments to the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

You raise an important point about the need for diversity in public appointments and specifically on your Committee. As you rightly note, there will be a further vacancy on the Committee from January 2022. We will continue to seek to promote diversity, in line with the Government's appointments policy, and the government will of course continue to take your views, as Chair of this body, into account when making future appointments.

I have also taken this opportunity to ask my officials to review the membership and the remit of the Committee more widely, including in relation to its diversity, and have asked them to discuss this with you.

With every good wish,

Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
and Minister for the Cabinet Office