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**Committee on
Standards in
Public Life**

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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you about the Committee on Standards in Public Life's next review.

When we launched our review, *Upholding Standards in Public Life*, in September 2020, which focused on the need for effective and independent regulation, we said we would also explore how organisations can best support public servants in upholding the Principles of Public Life as they go about their work on the public's behalf.

Our next review will therefore consider how a public service ethos is upheld in organisations and examine the role of leadership at all levels in embedding the Seven Principles of Public Life in public sector organisations. The Committee will take evidence from leaders across the public sector. We will also look at good practice in the private and third sectors to see if this can usefully be applied in the public sector, and by companies and charities providing services paid for by the taxpayer.

We noted that the government's Declaration on Government Reform sees leadership as vital to high standards of conduct in public life. The Declaration also advocates sharing good practice within government and learning from successes.

The aim of our review is to draw attention to examples of good practice and encourage leaders of government departments and public sector bodies to take an ethical 'health-check' of their organisations and consider what they can learn from each other.

The Committee's terms of reference are attached for your information. We intend to publish these on our website on Tuesday 8 March.

I have written in similar terms to William Wragg MP, Chair, Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

I am copying this letter to Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP, Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP, Lord True, Baroness Finn, and Darren Tierney, Director General, Propriety and Ethics, Cabinet Office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lord Evans".

Lord Evans of Weardale KCB DL
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