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The Lord Evans of Weardale KCB DL
Chair, Committee on Standards in Public Life

By email: public@public-standards.gov.uk

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Dear Lord Evans,

I previously wrote to you on 3 March in response to your request for Cabinet Office Ministers to provide input to the work of your committee.

In that letter I committed to providing some written input, setting out the Government's approach to maintaining standards, which I have attached to this letter. I hope it provides you with a useful sense of the framework that is in place to articulate the standards required and ensure they are adhered to.

The paper explains the UK's principles-based approach to upholding public integrity and how this enables the UK to uphold and ensure government in the public interest for public good in the way most befitting our constitution and system of government. The two key areas of focus are the use of public money and the use of public position and information.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chloe Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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