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BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: JUNE MILLIGAN

The Committee has been asked to consider an application from June Milligan, former Director General in the Welsh Government. She has applied to accept an unpaid position as a trustee of the Young Foundation. Ms Milligan was Director General for Local Government and Communities from October 2010 until June 2015. Her last day in post was 30 June 2015, and her last day in Crown service was 30 September 2015.

When considering the application, the Committee took into account that Ms Milligan attended one meeting with the Young Foundation while in office, which related to the charity commencing work in Wales, and had subsequently encouraged colleagues to pursue this prospect further. However, the Committee also noted that such collaborations were in line with ministerial policy, and that Ms Milligan's involvement with the charity was limited to this one meeting; further dealings between them and the Welsh Government occurred after she had left her post.

The Committee noted that Ms Milligan's prior responsibilities were linked to the work of the Young Foundation, and that teams within her responsibility awarded grants in related fields. However, they also noted that, to the best of her knowledge, the Young Foundation never made an application for any of these grants during her tenure.

The Committee took into account the views of the Welsh Government, which believed that a cooling off period was appropriate given Ms Milligan's support for building a relationship with the charity. They also noted that this is an unpaid appointment as a trustee of a charity, and will involve a time commitment of four days per year. Should the role change in the future, as with all applicants, Ms Milligan would be expected to inform the Committee as, depending on the circumstance, she may need to submit a fresh application.

The Committee's advice to the First Minister is that it can see no reason why she should not take up this role, subject to the following conditions:

- A waiting period of three months from her last day in Crown service (and six months from her last day in post);

- for two years from her last day of service, she should not become personally involved in lobbying the Welsh Government on behalf of the Young Foundation; and
- she should not draw on (disclose or use for the benefit of herself or the organisation to which this advice refers) privileged information available to her from her time in Crown service.

By 'privileged information' we mean official information to which a Minister or Crown servant has had access as a consequence of his or her office or employment and which has not been made publicly available.

The Business Appointment Rules explain that the restriction on lobbying means that the former Crown servant/Minister "should not engage in communication with Government - including Ministers, special advisers and officials - with a view to influencing a Government decision or policy [including applications for awards or grants] in relation to their own interests, or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted".

I would be grateful if you would let us know whether the First Minister is content to approve the application in line with the Committee's recommendation, and copy us into the final decision. I should also be grateful if you would ensure that we are informed as soon as Ms Milligan undertakes any of this work, or if it is announced that she will do so (I enclose a form for this purpose). We shall otherwise not be able to deal with any enquiries, since we do not release information about appointments which have not been taken up or announced. This could lead to a false assumption being made about whether Ms Milligan complied with the rules.

Once this appointment has been taken up or announced we will publish this letter on the Advisory Committee's website and include the main details, together with the Committee's advice, in both the regularly updated consolidated list on the website and in the next annual report.

Yours sincerely

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