

**COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING
HELD AT 10.00 ON THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2020
IN 1 HORSE GUARDS ROAD, LONDON**

MINUTES

Present: Lord Evans KCB DL, Chair
Rt Hon Dame Margaret Beckett DBE MP
Dr Jane Martin CBE
Dame Shirley Pearce DBE (by telephone)
Jane Ramsey
Monisha Shah
Rt Hon Lord Stunell OBE
Rt Hon Jeremy Wright QC MP

Professor Mark Philp, Chair, Research Advisory Board

Lesley Bainsfair, Secretary
Lesley Glanz, Executive Assistant
Nicola Richardson, Senior Policy Adviser
Aaron Simons, Senior Policy Adviser
Maggie O'Boyle, Press Officer

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. REGISTERS

Members were asked to let the Secretariat know of any changes to their register of interests.

3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 January were agreed.

Chair's update

The Committee noted the Chair's update which reported his meetings with the National Centre for Leadership; the Albanian Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reform; and the First Civil Service Commissioner.

All members thought that the 'In Conversation with the Chair' event held on 25 February at the Institute for Government had been very worthwhile and had been well received.

4. AI AND PUBLIC STANDARDS: REVIEW OF THE REPORT

Members noted the successful publication of the report which had been well received and continued to resonate. Plans for follow up were agreed.

5. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee discussed possible areas for future review. Further scoping notes would go to the March Committee meeting.

6. INTIMIDATION IN PUBLIC LIFE: FOLLOW UP

The Committee noted an update on work with The Jo Cox Foundation. The Committee also noted that the government had published its initial response to its 2019 Online Harms White Paper consultation.

7. PARLIAMENT CULTURE

The Committee noted an update on Parliament's work to address bullying and harassment. Lord Evans and Jane Ramsey reported a useful meeting with Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, the Leader of the House of Commons on 27 January, arranged at CSPL's request, in keeping with the Committee's continued watching brief in this area.

The Committee approved the draft response to the House of Commons' consultation on a new independent process for determining sanctions for upheld complaints of bullying and harassment against MPs.

8. STANDARDS CHECK

The standards check for February was noted.

9. FORWARD AGENDA AND FORWARD LOOK OF EVENTS

The Committee noted the forward agenda and forward look of key events.

10. AOB

Communications Update

The Committee noted the communications update for January 2020.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 19 March 2020 at 10.00.

CSPL Secretariat
February 2020