

**COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING
HELD AT 10.00 ON THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2020
BY CONFERENCE CALL**

MINUTES

Present: Lord Evans KCB DL, Chair
Rt Hon Dame Margaret Beckett DBE MP
Dr Jane Martin CBE
Dame Shirley Pearce DBE
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

The meeting was held by conference call in view of the coronavirus and government advice to avoid unnecessary travel and to work remotely wherever possible.

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 27 February 2020 were agreed.

Chair's update

The Committee noted the Chair's update which reported his meeting with Lord McFall, Senior Deputy Speaker, House of Lords to discuss AI.

4. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee discussed possible areas for future review in light of current events and fast changing government advice. Members agreed it was sensible for the

Secretariat to continue research and scoping on one possible area of review, to be discussed further at the April meeting, and to keep a watching brief on the impact of current events on the Principles and public life.

5. INTIMIDATION IN PUBLIC LIFE: FOLLOW UP

The Committee noted an update on work to progress the proposed joint standard of conduct for political party members.

6. PARLIAMENT CULTURE

Lord Evans and Jane Ramsey reported a useful meeting with Lord Mance, Chair, Lords Conduct Committee.

The Committee would maintain its continuing close watching brief on this issue.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOLLOW UP

The Committee noted plans to follow up best practice recommendations in the local government ethical standards report.

8. STANDARDS CHECK

The standards check for February/March 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 February 2020.

Dates of 2020 meetings

The Committee noted the meeting dates for 2020.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 23 April 2020 at 10.00.

CSPL Secretariat
March 2020