**COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE**

**297th MEETING**

**HELD AT 10.00 ON THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2022**

**MINUTES**

Present: Lord Evans of Weardale KCB DL, Chair

Ewen Fergusson

Professor Gillian Peele

Rt Hon Jeremy Wright MP

Rt Hon Dame Margaret Beckett DBE MP

Rt Hon Lord Stunell OBE

Professor Mark Philp, Chair, Research Advisory Board

Maggie O’Boyle, Press Secretary

Lesley Bainsfair, Secretary

Nicola Richardson, Senior Policy Adviser

Aaron Simons, Senior Policy Adviser

Lesley Glanz, Executive Assistant

The meeting was held online.

**1. APOLOGIES**

 Dame Shirley Pearce DBE

**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 meetings held on 20 January 2022 were agreed.

**Chair’s update**

Members noted:

* The Chair’s appearance in front of the Commons Standards Committee to discuss the review of MPs’ Code of Conduct (held on 25 January), and key points from the Commons debate of the review (held on 3 February).
* The Chair’s catch-up meeting with Steve Barclay, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Lord True, Minister of State Cabinet Office, and Baroness Simone Finn (held on 26 January).
* The Chair has accepted an invitation to speak at a seminar on public standards hosted by the APPG on anti-corruption and responsible tax.
* The speech by Rt Hon Sir John Major KG CH which took place at the Institute for Government on 10 February, entitled ‘In democracy we trust’.
* The Appointment of Baroness Gisela Stuart as the First Civil Service Commissioner.

**4. LEADING IN PRACTICE**

Members discussed the scope and terms of reference for the Committee’s next substantive review. A final version of the TOR would be circulated to members for approval.

**6. STANDARDS CHECK**

The Committee noted the media coverage of standards issues which are circulated daily to members.

**7. FORWARD AGENDA**

The Committee noted the forward agenda.

 **8. AOB**

 **Communications Update**

The Committee noted the communications update for January 2022.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 17 March 2022 at 10.00. This meeting would be held in person.

CSPL Secretariat

February 2022