

**COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
326th MEETING HELD
AT 10.00 ON THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2024**

MINUTES

Present: Doug Chalmers CB DSO OBE (Chair)
Rt Hon Lady Arden DBE
Rt Hon Baroness (Margaret) Beckett GBE
Rt Hon Ian Blackford
Ewen Fergusson
Baroness (Simone) Finn
Professor Gillian Peele

Professor Mark Philp, Chair, Research Advisory Board

Lesley Bainsfair, Secretary
Nicola Richardson, Deputy Head of Secretariat
Amy Austin, Senior Policy Adviser
Lesley Glanz, Executive Officer
Maggie O'Boyle, Press Officer¹

1. APOLOGIES

John Henderson CB

2. REGISTERS

Members were asked to let the Secretariat know of any changes to the register of interests which had been circulated.

3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2024 were agreed.

Chair's update

Members noted the Chair's recent and forthcoming meetings.²

¹ Maggie O'Boyle provides part-time press support to the Civil Service Commission; the House of Lords Appointments Commission; the Advisory Committee for Business Appointments; the Office for the Commissioner for Public Appointments; and the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

² Meetings are [published](#) in the Committee's register of stakeholder meetings.

4. ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW

Members approved the detailed outline structure for the report on accountability within public bodies. A number of comments and suggestions of emphasis were made.

5. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

Members agreed it would be important and appropriate to mark the 30th anniversary of the Principles of Public Life in 2025 over the coming months. The Committee would discuss further at their October meeting.

Potential subject areas of the Committee's next review were discussed, and a further paper would come to the Committee's November meeting.

6. ESTABLISHMENT OF CSPL: 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Members approved for publishing in October, Professor Mark Philp's paper on 'The Nolan Principles, Public Standards, the Public interest and Public Service', to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Committee. Members also approved the accompanying blog, suggesting some final editing.

7. CURRENT STANDARDS ISSUES

Members discussed civil service appointments by exception and related matters.³

It was agreed to discuss the issue of politicians gambling on political events at a future meeting.

8. FORWARD AGENDA

The Committee noted the forward agenda.

9. AOB

Communications Update

The Committee noted the monthly dashboard overviews of CSPL's website for July and August 2024.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 17 October 2024 at 10.00.

³ Maggie O'Boyle declared her interest as part-time press officer for the Civil Service Commission.

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