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THE PRIME MINISTER

New Doug,

I am writing to thank the Committee on Standards in Public Life for its Review and reflections on how public sector bodies can better recognise and respond to early warning signs. This report is an important contribution to public life and discourse, and I hope that leaders across the public sector will reflect on the Committee's thought-provoking findings and use the report and its Points for Reflection as a helpful resource in identifying and addressing problems at an early stage.

Your reflections on the work of ALB's were particularly interesting and fit well with the focus this Government is placing on reform, as set out in my speech on 13 March.

As I said when I published the new Ministerial Code document, restoring trust in politics is the great test of our era, and upholding the Seven Nolan Principles of Public Life is crucial to the success of this Government.

I have asked the Cabinet Secretary to ensure that the findings of the Review are circulated to all Permanent Secretaries, and they will be asked to disseminate these findings to the leadership, Chairs and boards of their arm's length bodies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Committee again for this Review and the work it does to uphold high standards across public life. Public service is a privilege and we must all work hard to return Britain to the service of working people.

Best wishes

Lee Spence

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