**COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE**

**TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINTH MEETING**

**THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2015 AT 10:00AM**

**ROOM GC05.1, 1 HORSE GUARDS ROAD,**

**LONDON, SW1A 2HQ**

**MINUTES**

Present: Lord Bew, Chairman

Richard Thomas CBE

Patricia Moberly

Sheila Drew Smith OBE

Dame Angela Watkinson MP

Lord Alderdice

Dame Margaret Beckett DBE MP

Secretariat: Lesley Bainsfair, Secretary

 Isobel Croot, Senior Policy Adviser

 Paul Croney, Secretariat Coordinator

Maggie O’Boyle, Press Officer

Apologies: Lord Alderdice

1. **Registers**

The Committee reviewed and updated the register of interests, and the registers of external meetings, gifts and hospitality.

1. **Minutes and matters arising**

The Committee approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 October 2015.

1. **NAMA accusations, Northern Ireland**

The Committee considered whether they should take any action in the light of the accusations against NAMA in Northern Ireland.

The Committee’s remit did not extend to individual cases or devolved issues. The Committee would come back to this issue when the situation became clearer.

1. **Committee Vacancy**

Progress with filling the vacancy was proceeding well with interviews to take place in October.

1. **Ethics for Regulators**

An issues paper on the Ethics for Regulators report and responses to the survey was considered. It was noted that dates had been confirmed for three workshops with academics, regulators and stakeholders.

1. **Public Appointments**

A draft response to the Review of the role of the Commissioner of Public Appointments, recently announced by the Minister for the Cabinet Office, was considered by the Committee.

1. **Ethical Standards for Providers of Public Services Report**

Mark Galloway from Skanska, presented Skanska’s work on building an ethical organisation, to the Committee. The Committee thanked Mark Galloway for an extremely valuable and insightful presentation.

1. **Standards check**

The standards check was noted.

1. **Forward Agenda**

The forward work plan was discussed.

CSPL Secretariat

November 2015