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**COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE**

**TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING**

**THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2016 AT 10:00AM**

**ROOM G11, 1 HORSE GUARDS ROAD,** **LONDON, SW1A 2HQ**

**MINUTES**

Present: Lord Bew, Chair

 Lord Alderdice

Dame Margaret Beckett DBE MP

Sheila Drew Smith OBE

Patricia Moberly

Monisha Shah

Richard Thomas CBE

Secretariat: Lesley Bainsfair, Secretary

 Dee Goddard, Senior Policy Advisor, Intern

Maggie O’Boyle, Press Officer

Paul Croney, Governance and Communications Co-ordinator

Apologies: Dame Angela Watkinson DBE MP

 Renny Mendoza, Senior Policy Advisor

1. **Registers**

The Committee reviewed 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 meeting held on19 May 2016.

*Meeting with Chief Executive of Association of Police and Crime Commissioners*

The meeting arranged for 15 June between Lord Bew, Patricia Moberly and Richard Thomas, and the new CEO of the APCC, Mr Nazir Afzal OBE, was discussed. It was an opportunity to follow up the Committee’s *Tone from the Top* report with the new Chief Executive.

The Committee noted the Chair would be a keynote speaker at the Police and Ethics conference to be held on 14 June at Bath Spa University.

*Commissioner for Public Appointments*

It was noted that the Chair had held at introductory meeting with Peter Riddell, the newly appointed Commissioner for Public Appointments. It was agreed to follow up the Secretariat’s letter to the Cabinet Office with a letter to the Minister for the Cabinet Office asking about the arrangements for the consultation of the Governance Code.

1. **CSPL Vacancy**

The Committee noted progress with applications for the vacancy. Shortlisting had taken place on 27 May and longlisting would take place on 9 June with interviews planned to be held before the end of June.

1. **Ethics for regulators**

Committee members noted and commented on the draft report. Sincere thanks were due to Dee Goddard for her invaluable work. The review’s sub group would next meet on 15 June and the Committee would be presented with the next full, and near final, draft of the report at the July committee meeting; minor editing could take place during August. The launch of the report was scheduled for 13 September 2016.

**5. Annual Report 2015-2016**

The current draft of the Annual Report was noted. It was agreed to publish the Annual Report in autumn 2016.

**8. Standards Check**

 The Committee noted the Standards Check.

**9. Forward Agenda**

 The Committee noted the forward agenda. The Committee welcomed Sheila Drew Smith’s suggestion of following up with government departments the Committee’s 2015 guidance: *Ethical Standards for Public Service Providers.*

**10. AOB**

 **Date of next meeting**: Thursday 21 July 2016.

**CSPL Secretariat**

**June 2016**