

Concise Minutes – Standards of Conduct Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 – Senedd

Meeting date: Tuesday, 15 November
2016

Meeting time: 09.26 – 09.57

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Jayne Bryant AM (Chair) Paul Davies AM Llyr Gruffydd AM David J Rowlands AM
Witnesses:	Gerard Elias QC, Standards Commissioner
Committee Staff:	Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Enrico Carpanini (Legal Adviser)

Transcript

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1 Lobbying: Commissioner for Standards

1.1 The Commissioner for Standards provided some observations on the current lobbying position and on the position in the United Kingdom.



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2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2.1 The Chair welcomed Members and the Commissioner for Standards to the meeting.

2.2 The Chair welcomed Llyr Gruffydd AM to the Committee following his election to replace Dafydd Elis Thomas AM.

3 Lobbying: Consideration of paper from the Commissioner for Standards

3.1 The Commissioner for Standards spoke to his paper on the current lobbying regime and also on the position in the United Kingdom and answered Members questions.

3.2 Members considered the paper and agreed to:

- Issue a written consultation on the lobbying regime and
- Write to the Welsh Government to advise of the consultation and convey the Committee's views that the Government may wish to review the Ministerial Code in relation to lobbying.

4 Valedictory session with the Commissioner for Standards

4.1 The Commissioner for Standards reflected on his time in post which ends on 30 November 2016.

4.2 The Chair thanked the Commissioner for Standards for his work over the last six years and wished him well for the future.

4.3 The Chair welcomed Sir Roderick Evans QC as the incoming Commissioner for Standards.

5 Election of a temporary Chair in accordance with Section 10.2 of the complaints procedure

5.1 The Committee agreed that Paul Davies AM be elected to act as a temporary Chair in accordance with paragraph 10.2 of the complaints procedure.

