

Agenda – Standards of Conduct Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Video Conference Via Teams

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Meeting date: 17 November 2020

Committee Clerk

Meeting time: 09.30

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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

2 Code of Conduct review – Draft Code of Conduct

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SoC(5)–18–20 Paper 1– Draft Code of Conduct

3 Consider letter from the Commissioner for Standards in accordance with Standing Order 22.2(i)

4 Paper(s) to note

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SoC(5)–18–20 PTN 1 – Letter from the Llywydd



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Our ref: EJ/ES

28 October 2020

Dear Jayne,

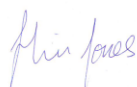
Registration of Members' Interests

The acting Commissioner for Standards has proposed changes to the registration of interests form for Members. These changes would require Members, when registering any gifts under category 4 of the form, to confirm whether or not its value would be over the stated threshold of 0.5 per cent of Members' gross annual salary, currently £338.

The changes are proposed following the acting Commissioner's suggestion that any late registrations relating to a gift valued below the threshold should not be treated as a breach of the rules and should not be reported to the Commissioner under the protocol that exists between the Commissioner, the Senedd and the Director of Public Prosecutions. The changes to the form would be relatively straightforward; achieved by inserting an additional question under category 4 which would prompt Members to confirm whether any gift is above the threshold or not.

In line with my responsibilities for prescribing the registration of interests form under Standing Order 2.2, my intention is to introduce these changes as soon as possible, and to communicate this to Members via the Table Office. I would be grateful for any feedback or thoughts you may have on this proposal.

Yours sincerely,



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