ETHICS &
INTEGRITY
Commission

MINUTES: MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING

14:00 - 16:00, 18 JUNE 2026

ATTENDEES

Members

1. Doug Chalmers CB DSO OBE (Chair)
2. The Rt. Hon. Lady Arden of Heswall DBE
3. The Rt. Hon. Ian Blackford
4. Councillor Ruth Dombey OBE
5. Ewen Fergusson
6. Professor Gillian Peele
7. The Rt. Hon. Michael Tomlinson KC

EIC Officials

8. Stuart Sterling OBE, Chief Executive
9. Nicola Iles MBE, Chief of Staff
10. Nicola Richardson, Senior Policy Adviser
11. Natasha Seward, Head of Reviews
12. Sarah Yarwood, Head of Public Engagement
13. Peter Kelleher, Head of Corporate Support
14. Joseph Rice, Policy Adviser

External Advisers

15. Professor Mark Philp, Senior Academic Adviser

Cabinet Office

16. Simon Madden, Director, Propriety & Ethics (Chair's Update only)

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. REGISTERS

The Chair noted that the Corporate Support Team had circulated the Register of Interests to Members prior to the Commission meeting and invited Members to provide any updates as relevant. No updates had been received by the time of the meeting (one update was provided after the meeting).

The Chair invited Members, and those providing external advice in the areas of media and academia, to declare any additional interests relevant to the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

3. MINUTES

Members agreed the minutes of the May 2026 Commission Meeting.

Members also discussed the draft minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 12th June 2026, which will be published after the launch of the findings of the Lobbying, Business Appointment Rules and Financial Disclosure Review on 9th July 2026

4. CHAIRS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND UPDATE

The Chair set out the agenda for the meeting, highlighted key topics for discussion and provided an update on the meetings held with key Whitehall stakeholders

The Chair invited Simon Madden to give a brief update on the work of the Cabinet Office's Propriety & Ethics team.

5. CEO's UPDATE

The CEO gave a short update on Commission and Officials Team staffing matters.

6. WORKSTREAM DISCUSSION: LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER

The Chair and Members discussed the potential structure and content of the Annual Letter to the Prime Minister.

7. WORKSTREAM DISCUSSION: OMBUDSMAN REVIEW

The lead Member gave an update on the workstream, highlighting the witnesses that have been consulted, the events the team have attended and the overall progress made with oral evidence.

8. WORKSTREAM DISCUSSION: CODES OF CONDUCT

The lead Member gave a verbal update on workstream progress, highlighting the progress made with research and the Terms of Reference.

9. WORKSTREAM DISCUSSION: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The lead Member provided an update on workstream progress, including new developments on the website and the strategy for the launch of the review into Lobbying, Disclosure and Business Appointment Rules

10. LOBBYING, DISCLOSURE, AND ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The Chair gave an update on review progress, noting the pace at which it continues to be conducted. The Chair then spotlighted specific areas of the review for discussion. Members discussed the draft recommendations.

11. CURRENT STANDARDS ISSUES

Members discussed current standards issues..

12. AOB

Members agreed the date and time of the next meeting.