

PRESS NOTICE

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY COMMISSION TO PUBLISH LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE HEALTH OF STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE

In line with its [Terms of Reference](#), the [Ethics & Integrity Commission \(EIC\)](#) will tomorrow publish its first annual letter to the Prime Minister, reporting on the health of standards in public life.

Coinciding with the first anniversary of the establishment of the EIC, the letter acknowledges where progress has been made but urges the government to accelerate standards reform in a range of areas, including the standards and conduct framework in local government and lobbying regulation.

"Progress has been made in a number of areas towards enhancing the arrangements for upholding high ethical standards. But there is much more to be done. We are calling on the Prime Minister to ensure that standards reform is accelerated and opportunities to deliver lasting improvements are not lost."

Doug Chalmers, Chair, Ethics and Integrity Commission

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Notes to Editors:

- **Media Contact:** For interview requests, or further media enquiries, please contact joseph.rice@eic.independent.gov.uk

- **About the EIC:** [The Ethics and Integrity Commission](#) (EIC) is an independent body dedicated to upholding and improving ethical standards across public life. The Commission promotes the highest standards in public life, reports to the Prime Minister on matters concerning ethical standards, and advises public authorities on the development of clear codes of conduct with effective oversight arrangements. The Commission is not a regulator and has no remit to investigate individual cases.
- **Other work:** The EIC published its first report in July: [Lobbying, Business Appointment Rules, and Disclosure](#) and is currently carrying out a review of the [public sector ombudsman system](#). It has launched a project in support of the Public Office (Accountability) Bill to provide non-statutory guidance to public sector authorities on their new obligation to draft and embed an effective [Code of Ethical Conduct](#).
- **Membership:** The current members of the EIC are Doug Chalmers CB DSO OBE (Chair), Rev. Ijeoma Ajibade, The Rt Hon Lady Mary Arden of Heswall DBE, The Rt Hon Ian Blackford (Scottish National Party), The Baroness Crawley (Labour), Ruth Dombey OBE (Liberal Democrat), Nicola Driver, Ewen Fergusson, Dr Katerina Hadjimatheou, Dr Samuel Power and The Rt Hon Michael Tomlinson KC (Conservative).
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