

Concise Minutes – Standards of Conduct Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Monday, 10 October 2022

<http://senedd.tv/en/13017>

Meeting time: 09.35 – 11.00

Remote, Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Vikki Howells MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS John Griffiths MS Peredur Owen Griffiths MS Rhianon Passmore MS Rhun ap Iorwerth MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Meriel Singleton (Clerk) Bethan Garwood (Deputy Clerk) Enrico Carpanini (Legal Adviser) Aled Elwyn Jones (Official) Lisa Griffiths (Official) Lisa Hatcher (Official)



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 John Griffiths chaired the first item as the designated temporary Chair and welcomed Members to the meeting of the Standards of Conduct Committee. There were no declarations of interest.

1.2 Vikki Howells and Peredur Owen Griffiths recused themselves for the first item. Rhianon Passmore and Rhun ap Iorwerth attended in their places.

2 Consider a report from the Commissioner for Standards in accordance with Standing Order 22.2(i)

2.1 The Committee considered a report from the Commissioner for Standards in accordance with Standing Order 22.2(i).

3 Cross-Party Groups Compliance Report

3.1 The Committee agreed to ask the Llywydd to write to all Members reminding them of the rules on the operation of Cross-Party Groups as well as their responsibilities as Cross-Party Group Chairs.

3.2 The Committee agreed to ask the Llywydd to confirm the situation of the three potentially inactive groups, including whether they have met or are intending meet, or if they wish to voluntarily de-register.

4 Register of Members' Interests – proposed move to MS forms

4.1 The Committee agreed to a trial of using Microsoft Forms for submitting changes to the Register of Interests.

5 Cross-Party Groups consultation responses

5.1 The Committee considered the paper and agreed by a majority that there would be no fundamental review of the use of Senedd resources for Cross-Party Groups.

5.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Chief Executive to ascertain how the financial rules currently operate in relation to Members' attendance at Cross-Party Group meetings and events.

5.3 The Committee agreed to several minor changes to the current rules and asked for officials to update them in light of this. The Committee will return to consider the updated rules at a future meeting.

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