

Concise Minutes – Standards of Conduct Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 2 and Zoom

Meeting date: Tuesday, 19 November
2024

Meeting time: 09.17 – 10.47

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Hannah Blythyn MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Samuel Kurtz MS Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
Witnesses:	Jessica Blair, Electoral Reform Society Cymru Colin Everett, Wales Electoral Coordination Board Michela Palese, Electoral Reform Society Clare Sim, Head of Member Support, Association of Electoral Administrators Nia Thomas, Electoral Reform Society Cymru
Committee Staff:	Meriel Singleton (Clerk) Bethan Garwood (Deputy Clerk) Samiwel Davies (Legal Adviser) Avalon Broadway (Official) Aled Elwyn Jones (Official)



1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and observer Members to the meeting of the Standards of Conduct Committee. There were no substitutions and no declarations of interest.

2 Inquiry into Individual Member Accountability: Evidence Session 15

2.1 The Committee received evidence from Michela Palese, Electoral Commission; Colin Everett, Wales Electoral Co-ordination Board; and Clare Sim, head of Member support at the Association of Electoral Administrators on the topic of Individual Member Accountability.

3 Inquiry into Individual Member Accountability: Evidence Session 16

3.1 The Committee received evidence from Jessica Blair and Nia Thomas, Electoral Reform Society, on the topic of Individual Member Accountability.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

4.1 The motion to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting under Standing Order 17.42 was agreed.

5 Cross-Party Groups Compliance Report

5.1 The committee agreed to write to Cross-Party Groups who were warned about compliance last year, advising them that it intends to recommend to the Llywydd that they be deregistered unless they are able to make a case as to why they should be allowed to continue.

5.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Chairs of the Cross-Party Groups who do not appear to have been active at all over the last year to confirm their situation and ask for outstanding paperwork.

5.3 The committee agreed to write to Cross-Party Groups who are currently without Chairs to remind them of the requirement for a Chair as set out in the rules.

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