

**COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
MEETING ON THURSDAY 13 MAY 2010 AT 10.00
(ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SECOND MEETING)
35 GREAT SMITH STREET**

AGENDA

Apologies for absence

Agreement to Agenda

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| 1. Summary of 171st Meeting, held on 15 th April 2010 | CPL(10) 26 |
| 2. Register of Interests | CPL(10) 27 |
| 3. General and Local Elections 2010 | CPL(10) 28 – to follow |
| 4. Local and London Government Papers | CPL(10) 29 |
| 5. Party Funding Briefing | CPL(10) 30 |
| 6. Proposals for Public Perception Research | CPL(10) 31 |
| 7. Annual Report 2009/2010 | CPL(10) 32 |
| 8. Open Meeting 2010 | CPL(10) 33 |
| 9. Briefing on Standards for England Review of Standards Framework | CPL(10) 34 |
| 10. Briefing on Public Concern at Work's Review of Legal Protection for Whistleblowers | CPL(10) 35 |
| 11. Briefing on New Expense Scheme for the Northern Ireland Assembly | CPL(10) 36 - to follow |
| 12. Secretary's Report | CPL(10) 37 |
| 13. Current Issues and Concerns | CPL(10) 38 |
| 14. Any Other Business | |

The Seven Principles of Public Life

Selflessness

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other benefits for themselves, their family or their friends.

Integrity

Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.

Objectivity

In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

Accountability

Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

Openness

Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

Honesty

Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

Leadership

Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.