

## Committee of Selection

### Minutes

Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 4pm in Committee Room 3a

Present:

L. Gardiner of Kimble (*Chair*)

L. Jones

L. Kennedy of Southwark

E. Kinnoull

L. Newby

L. Smith of Hindhead

L. Stoneham of Droxford

B. Williams of Trafford

together with the Clerk Assistant.

Apologies were received from Baroness Smith of Basildon and Lord True.

The Chair noted that this would be the last meeting for Lord Smith of Hindhead as he would be rotating off the committee later that month. The Chair thanked Lord Smith for his contribution to the Committee. The Chair also thanked the Usual Channels and the Convenor of the Crossbench Peers for their time and effort in bringing forward nominations for committee places.

#### **I. MEMBERSHIP OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEES**

The Committee agreed the proposed membership changes to sessional committees.

The Committee considered gender balance of select committees and the Committee agreed to continue keeping gender balance under review.

The Committee agreed the membership of the Special Public Bill Committee (Arbitration Bill).

The Committee agreed the membership of the new committee on financial services regulation.

The Committee considered a representation from a non-affiliated member.

## **2. MEMBERSHIP OF SPECIAL INQUIRY COMMITTEES**

The Committee agreed the proposed membership for the special inquiry committees.

The Committee considered representations from the Convenor of the Bishops and a member from a smaller party. The Committee agreed that the Bishop of Bristol should be proposed as a member of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 special inquiry committee.

## **3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair informed the Committee that the motions would be moved on Wednesday 24 January. He explained that while the motions to appoint the new members to sessional committees would take effect from Wednesday 31 January, the appointments to the new special inquiry committees and the new committee on Financial Services Regulation would be effective from 24 January. This was to allow the existing membership of the sessional committees time to complete their work for the year, while also allowing the new special inquiry committees to start their work as early as possible.

The Committee adjourned.

**17 January 2024**

**Hattie Clark**

*Clerk to the Committee of Selection*

**Sam Anderson**

*Assistant Private Secretary to the SDS*