

Conduct Committee

Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 7 May 2024 at 4pm via MS Teams

Present:

Cindy Butts
Mark Castle
Andrea Coomber

L. Garnier
L. Kennedy of Southwark
B. Manningham-Buller (Chair)

With the Clerk Assistant. Apologies were received from Vanessa Davies, Baroness Kidron and Lord Scriven.

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1. Minutes of the meeting of 24 April 2024

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. The conduct of Lord Ranger of Northwood

Note by the Clerk (COND/23-24/15), with the following annexes:

- Note from the Commissioner for Standards (annex A)
- Representations from complainants (annex B)
- Representations from lawyers on behalf of Lord Ranger of Northwood (annex C)

Precedents: cases involving bullying, harassment and sexual misconduct (COND/23-24/16)

The Clerk introduced the note and annexes.

The Committee discussed the papers, including the representations from the Commissioner, respondent and complainants.

The Committee agreed to recommend that Lord Ranger of Northwood be suspended from the service of the House for three weeks. The Committee agreed that, subject to confirmation of the feasibility of such a ban, Lord Ranger should be banned from purchasing alcohol on the parliamentary estate for 12 months.

3. Any other business

The Conduct Committee will next meet at 4pm on 22 May 2024.

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The Committee adjourned.

Christopher Johnson
Clerk to the Conduct Committee
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