



## Conduct Committee

### Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 22 May 2024 in Committee room 2A, Palace of Westminster, and via Teams

*Present:*

B. Kidron  
Cindy Butts (via Teams)  
L. Kennedy of Southwark  
Andrea Coomber

Vanessa Davies  
L. Garnier (acting Chair)  
L. Scriven

With the Clerk Assistant. Apologies were received from Mark Castle and Baroness Manningham-Buller.

#### **IN PRIVATE**

#### **1. Minutes of the meeting on 7 May 2024**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

#### **2. Chair's oral update**

The Chair and the Clerk provided an oral update.

#### **3. Discussion on written submissions**

Note by the Standards Clerk and Assistant Standards Clerk on summary of written submissions, bundle of written submissions (COND/23-24/17)

The Committee noted the paper.

#### **4. Review of the Code of Conduct – evidence sessions**

##### **Evidence session 1: chairs of the party backbench groups**

The Committee heard oral evidence from Lord Forsyth of Drumlean, Chair, Association of Conservative Peers; Lord Harris of Haringey, Chair, Labour Peers; and Baroness Walmsley, co-Deputy Leader, Liberal Democrat Peers.

##### **Evidence session 2: civil society organisations**

The Committee heard oral evidence from Tom Brake, Director, Unlock Democracy; and Daniel Bruce, Chief Executive, Transparency International UK.

#### **5. Any other business**

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*The Committee adjourned.*

Christopher Johnson  
Clerk to the Conduct Committee  
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