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STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
14th Meeting 2023, Session 6

CONVENER

*Martin Whitfield (South Scotland) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Ivan McKee (Glasgow Provan) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Christine Grahame (Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale) (SNP)

*Stephen Kerr (Central Scotland) (Con)

*Evelyn Tweed (Stirling) (SNP)

*Annie Wells (Glasgow) (Con)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Katy Orr

LOCATION

The David Livingstone Room (CR6)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 09:30]

Interests

The Convener (Martin Whitfield): Welcome, everyone, to the 14th meeting in 2023 of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee. I welcome a significant surge in new members to the committee.

We will start with my inviting members to make any declarations of appropriate interests. I welcome Stephen Kerr to the committee. Do you have any relevant interests to declare?

Stephen Kerr (Central Scotland) (Con): Convener, it is wonderful to be here and serving under your convenership.

Yes, I have a number of relevant matters to declare to you and the public. Before I was elected as a member of the Scottish Parliament, I had a number of consultancies with different sectors. All the details are published in my entry in the register of members' interests.

I would also like to notably mention that I am a director of WhistleblowersUK, which is an organisation that is dedicated to supporting whistleblowers and to changing the law in relation to how they are treated.

The Convener: Thank you, Stephen. I now turn to Ivan McKee. Welcome to the committee.

Ivan McKee (Glasgow Provan) (SNP): I have no relevant interests pertaining to the work of this committee.

The Convener: Excellent. I turn to Evelyn Tweed. Welcome to the committee.

Evelyn Tweed (Stirling) (SNP): Thanks, convener. I am very happy to be here and to be part of the committee. I have nothing to declare.

The Convener: Thank you very much. Finally, I welcome Annie Wells to the committee.

Annie Wells (Glasgow) (Con): Thank you, convener. I have no relevant interests to declare. I look forward to working with you and the other committee members.

The Convener: Excellent. Thank you.

On behalf of the committee, I take this opportunity to thank Bob Doris, Emma Harper,

Alexander Stewart and Edward Mountain for their service prior to the new members joining. I inform you that I wrote to the former members over recess to thank them for their work.

Deputy Convener

09:32

The Convener: Our second agenda item is to choose a new deputy convener following the departure of Bob Doris. I thank Bob personally for his help, wisdom and support during his time in that role.

The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as deputy convener of this committee. I invite Evelyn Tweed to nominate a member of the SNP for the role.

Evelyn Tweed: I would be delighted to nominate Ivan McKee.

The Convener: Excellent. There is no requirement for a seconder.

Ivan McKee was chosen as deputy convener.

The Convener: Welcome to the role, deputy convener.

Ivan McKee: Thank you. I am honoured.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

09:33

The Convener: Item 3 is a decision on whether to take in private item 4, which is consideration of our approach to the proxy voting evaluation, which needs to take place by the end of this year. Do members agree to take that item in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: Excellent. I close the public part of the meeting.

09:33

Meeting continued in private until 09:51.

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