

**HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION
VETTING MEETING MINUTES**

11 February 2020

1 Horse Guards Road

Attendees: Lord Bew, Baroness Browning, Lord Clark, Baroness Scott, Lord Chartres, Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle

Apologies: none

Secretariat: Helen Ewen, Alison Bennett, Elizabeth Stewart, Alex Morrow

Press Office: Maggie O'Boyle

1. The Commission met to discuss the dissolution and political peerage lists, following completion of vetting checks.

Introduction

2. The Chair noted that Charles Moore had tendered his resignation from the Commission in November. The Secretariat was liaising with the Cabinet Office over recruitment of a new independent member.

Vetting

3. The Commission expressed concern that some of the nominees for the list had been leaked in the press. The Secretariat reassured members that nothing from the meeting would be shared, other than limited feedback in any cases where it was necessary to seek additional information or a substitution to individual political parties. The Commission discussed the number of 'non-affiliated' peers in the provisional list. The practice raised a number of issues, including the potential need for a revised approach to vetting in such cases. The Secretariat agreed to consider this point.
4. The Commission then undertook its vetting duties in relation to the individual nominees.

