

**SPEAKER'S COMMITTEE FOR THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION
FORMAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 23 MARCH 2016 at 3.00 PM
COMMITTEE ROOM 5**

Present:

Rt Hon John Bercow, Speaker (*ex officio*), in the Chair

Rt Hon Mark Francois MP (*ex officio*)

Bernard Jenkin MP (*ex officio*)

Sir Gerald Kaufman MP

Jessica Morden MP

Mr Gary Streeter MP

1. Consideration of formal minutes of the meeting on 21 October 2015

The Minutes were agreed without modification

2. Consideration of the Electoral Commission and LGBCE Main Estimates 2016/17 and Corporate Plans.

The Committee considered of the Electoral Commission and LGBCE Main Estimates 2016/17 and Corporate Plans.

3 Oral evidence from the Electoral Commission and LGBCE on the Main Estimates 2016/17 and Corporate Plans.

The Committee took evidence from Professor Colin Mellor, Chair, and Jolyon Jackson, Chief Executive, LGBCE

The Committee took evidence from Jenny Watson, Chair, Claire Bassett, Chief Executive, Carolyn Hughes, Director of Finance and Corporate Services, and Alex Robertson, Programme Director, EU Referendum, Electoral Commission.

3 Further consideration of the Electoral Commission and LGBCE on the Main Estimates 2016/17 and Corporate Plans.

The Committee agreed to approve the Estimates and Corporate Plans for both bodies.

[The Committee adjourned to a time and date to be set by the Chair at 6.30 pm

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Mr Gary Streeter MP

Pete Wishart MP

1. Consideration of formal minutes of the meeting on 23 March 2016

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2. Appointment of the Chair of the Electoral Commission and an Electoral Commissioner with special responsibility for Scotland

The Committee consider the reports for the appointment panels for the Chair of the Electoral Commission and an Electoral Commissioner with special responsibility for Scotland. The Committee agreed with the panels' recommendations.

Mr Speaker agreed to consult the party leaders on the names of the recommended candidates, as required by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act.

3 Work of the Committee 2015-16

The Committee agreed the Report "*Work of the Committee 2015-16*".

4 Electoral Commission Strategic Review

The Committee consider this matter.

[The Committee adjourned at 3.50 pm until 3.30pm on 5 July 2016