### **Appendix – Political Activity Questionnaire**

**Lay members for the Committee on Standards**

Lay members need to show political impartiality during their time on the Committee and should not during their term of office undertake any party political activity.

Individuals are ineligible for this role if they:

* are current or former Members of the House of Commons or the House of Lords, or
* have engaged in party political activity (including membership of or donations to a political party) during the previous five years.

It is appreciated that some candidates may well have undertaken political activity in earlier periods. The Panel may explore with candidates any potential for conflict of interests at the interview stage.

Please indicate which of the following activities you have undertaken by ticking the appropriate box and by providing details of your involvement, giving the relevant dates. **(You should note that any of these activities, if undertaken during the five years previous to the date of your application, render you ineligible as a candidate.)** Name the party or body for which you have been active. If you have been or are an Independent or have sought or obtained office as a representative of a particular interest group, you should state this.

**Name of applicant:**

**Please tick all relevant categories**

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| I have undertaken none of the activities listed below in the past five years |  |  |
| *In relation to the period prior to five years ago …* |  | *Date(s)* |
| I held office in a party political organisation |  |  |
| I have spoken in public on matters of national or local political controversy; |  |  |
| I expressed views on political matters in the media or in books, articles or leaflets, or on social media sites such as Twitter or Facebook; |  |  |
| I was a candidate for election to a local authority or Parliament (including devolved bodies and the European Parliament); |  |  |
| I canvassed on behalf of a candidate for election to a local authority Parliament (including devolved bodies and the European Parliament) or a political party; |  |  |
| I attended, in a member or delegate capacity, conferences or functions arranged by party political organisations |  |  |
| I was involved in campaigning in a national referendum campaign |  |  |
| None of the above activities apply. |  |  |

**Name of Party for which activity undertaken:**

Note: this form is for monitoring purposes only and will only be seen by the selection panel prior to interview. However, it is appreciated that such activities may have given you relevant skills, including experience gained from committee work, collective decision making, resolving conflict and public speaking. If, therefore, you have had such experience and you consider it relevant to your application for this post, you should include it separately in your personal statement.