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

**Lay members of 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.

It is appreciated that some candidates may well have undertaken political activity in earlier periods. The Political Activity Declaration will be kept separate from your application and will only be seen by the Panel prior to interview, at which stage the Panel may stage explore with candidates any potential for conflict of interests.

Please indicate which of the following activities you have undertaken during the past five years by ticking the appropriate box and by providing details of your involvement. 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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| Held office in a party political organisation |  |
| Spoken in public on matters of national or local political controversy |  |
| Expressed views on political matters in the media or in books, articles or leaflets, or on social media sites such as Twitter or Facebook |  |
| Been a candidate for election to the Westminster Parliament, Scottish Parliament, National Assembly for Wales, Northern Ireland Assembly or local authority |  |
| Canvassed on behalf of a candidate for election to the Westminster Parliament, Scottish Parliament, National Assembly for Wales, Northern Ireland Assembly, local authority or a political party |  |
| Attended, in a member or delegate capacity, conferences or functions arranged by party political organisations |  |
| Been involved in campaigning in a national or regional 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.