Annex B

Political Activity

Under the terms of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act a person may not be appointed as a Commissioner for the Electoral Commission if they:

1. Are an officer or employee of a registered party or of an accounting unit of such a party
2. Hold or have at any time in the last five years held office (for example Chair, Treasurer or secretary) of a registered party or of an accounting unit of such a party
3. Are a member of a registered party
4. Hold or have at any time in the last five years have held an elective office as a Member of Parliament, Member of the European Parliament (including the combined region), Member of the Scottish Parliament, Member of the National Assembly for Wales, Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly, Member of any local authority in the UK, including the Common Council of the City of London, but excluding a parish or community council, Member of the Greater London Authority or Mayor of London or a local authority elected mayor
5. Have at any time in the last five years been named in the Commission register of recordable donations (by reasons of having donated sums of £7,500 or more to a registered political party or members’ association, or sums of £1,500 or more to a party accounting unit or regulated individual)
6. Have at any time in the last five years been named as a participant in the Commission register of recordable transactions which contains borrowing reported by political parties, regulated donees, third parties and permitted participants

Commissioners will be required to conduct themselves so as not to raise any questions as to the political impartiality of the Commission. In particular, active political involvement, whether at a national or local level, could be regarded as incompatible with the need for the Commission to be seen as completely impartial.

Applicants must complete the questions below

This information is required to enable the selection panel to assess whether your involvement in political activity is or has been such as to make you ineligible to be appointed as a Commissioner for the Electoral Commission.

It is important that candidates should provide full details of any political activity within the last five years. It will be for the selection panel to determine whether it is such as to raise doubts as to the eligibility or suitability of the candidate for appointment.

Please indicate which of the following activities you have undertaken during the last 5 years, by ticking the appropriate box and by providing details of your involvement. 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. Please tick all relevant categories.

Are or have been an officer or employee of a registered party or of an accounting unit of such a party.

Hold or have at any time in the last five years held office (for example Chair, Treasurer or secretary) of a registered party or of an accounting unit of such a party.

Are a member of a registered party

Hold or have at any time in the last five years have held an elective office as a Member of Parliament, Member of the European Parliament (including the combined region), Member of the Scottish Parliament, Member of the National Assembly for Wales, Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly, Member of any local authority in the UK, including the Common Council of the City of London, but excluding a parish or community council, Member of the Greater London Authority or Mayor of London or a local authority elected mayor .

Have at any time in the last five years been named in the Commission register of recordable donations (by reasons of having donated sums of £7,500 or more to a registered political party or members’ association, or sums of £1,500 or more to a party accounting unit or regulated individual.

Have at any time in the last five years been named as a participant in the Commission register of recordable transactions which contains borrowing reported by political parties, regulated donees, third parties and permitted participants

None of the above activities apply

Details of any political or campaign involvement within the last five years:

You may be asked about the activities listed above, if any.

Name: Signature: Date: