**THE BETTER GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**10:15 - 12:00, Tuesday 16th January 2018**

**Fabian Society, 61 Petty France**

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies.**
2. **Minutes of the meeting on 28th November 2017.**
3. **Matters arising.**
4. **Updates:**

* Our written evidence to the PACAC inquiry on civil service effectiveness was submitted on 28th November.
* PACAC published the government response to its report on follow-up to the Chilcott Inquiry on 10th January. We posted a blog by Richard Mottram on our website on the following day objecting to the government’s misrepresentation of our proposal for a written direction to be required where established procedures for collective decision-making were not to be followed.
* The Ministerial code has been amended in response to recent events to require Ministers to treat people (including civil servants) with respect, not to hold meetings without officials present and to report to their department any occasions when official business arises unexpectedly at an informal meeting.
* Leigh Lewis has published a piece in Civil Service World on possible means of slowing down ministerial reshuffles.

1. **Grenfell Tower** (EC0116n1\_Grenfell).
2. **Review of BGI’s objectives.** It was agreed at the meeting on 28th Novemberthat we should resume the discussion with reference to:

* The advantage of having some form of programme that could advance our stated aims.
* Consideration at every meeting of what issue we were aiming to influence.

1. **Any other business.**

12th January 2018