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The End Of The Party



Politics Parties

Governance Proposals

- 1. MPs should be free to vote in line with their best judgment and should not be required to obey any party whips'
- 2. MPs, ministers and their political staff should be paid according to civil service pay scales, should have any expenses approved only in line with established civil service guidelines and must act according to the <u>Nolan Principles</u> that apply to all public bodies.
- 3. An independent Politicians Complaints Commission, modeled on the Independent Police Complaints Commission' with its Board appointed by a panel of designated NGOs' should be established to investigate accusations about national and local politicians, basing its judgments on the Nolan Principles that apply to all public bodies.
- 4. The Hayden Phillips Report recommendations on capping donations to political parties should be accepted and enforced.
- 5. Members of Select Committees' which hold the executive to account, should be elected by all MPs and not appointed by party whips, and should scrutinise all departmental proposals for legislation.
- 6. No European directive should be enacted or enforced by secondary legislation in a stricter way than is the practice in any other European country deemed compliant for that directive by the European Commission [now void as UK no longer member of EU].
- 7. MPs should normally serve for no more than three full terms of five years.
- 8. General elections should take place every five years unless a resolution of the House of Commons decides otherwise to reduce this period for particular circumstances.
- 9. Referendums should be called annually at all levels of government whenever requested by 5% of the relevant electorate.
- 10. Departments should be run by a Board chaired by the senior departmental minister but on which at least half of the directors would be appointed by a panel of designated NGOs and other stakeholders relevant to producer and consumer interests in that sector.
- 11. All Government statistics should be published by an independent body whose Board is appointed by a panel of designated NGOs and other stakeholders associated with the collection and use of statistics.
- 12. These principles should be applied at UK national level and also as far as appropriate at European Union and at devolved and local government level as well [EU dimension now void as UK no longer member of EU]..