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**Executive Committee Meeting**

**10:15 - 12:00, Tuesday 26th September 2017**

**Fabian Society, 61 Petty France**

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies.**
2. **Minutes of the meeting on 18th July 2017.**
3. **Matters arising.**
4. **Updates:**
* The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill passed its second reading with a healthy majority; the proposed use of “Henry VIII” clauses proved predictably contentious.
* The HOL Constitution Committee has called for evidence to be submitted to a newly established inquiry on the Bill.
* Oliver Robbins has been transferred from his role as Permanent Secretary of the Brexit department to a Brexit coordination role in No. 10/Cabinet Office. He will be replaced as Permanent Secretary by Philip Rycroft but will continue to lead the negotiating team of officials.
* Leigh Lewis published a robust challenge in Civil Service World to Francis Maude’s criticisms of the civil service in his Speaker’s Lecture.
* PACAC has launched a new phase in its inquiry on civil service effectiveness. It appears under the byline “can the civil service cope with Brexit” but raises a much wider set of questions. The deadline for evidence is 1 December.
1. **PACAC inquiry on Civil Service Effectiveness** (EC0926n2\_PACAC inquiry).
2. **Civil Service Reform** (EC0926n1\_civil service)**.**
3. **Any other business.**

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