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Constitutional Review: Devolution in the UK

LONDON, 8 DECEMBER 2014 -the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law* is pleased to announce a major Review of the implications of devolution as it is developing for the UK as a whole.

The Review will be chaired by the Bingham Centre Director, Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC and will consist of experts from law, history, political science, journalism and public finance.

The review will report in time to be considered by the next government and parliament.

The project is funded by the Gatsby Charitable Foundation.

Professor Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC, said:

“Significant further devolution is now inevitable, not just for Scotland but Wales and Northern Ireland as well. This will profoundly affect the future not only of the different nations but the UK as a whole. Identifying the inter-related constitutional and other issues is vital to the policy process in the months to come. We hope our work will help clarify thinking about the issues that arise from a more decentralised UK, and help politicians and policy-makers address these questions in the knowledge of different options. We are grateful to the Gatsby Charitable Trust for the opportunity to do this.”

The members of the Review are:

- Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC
(Director, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law) **Chair**
- Professor Linda Colley (Princeton University)
- Gerald Holtham (Cadwyn Capital LLP)
- Professor John Kay (Visiting Professor, London School of Economics)
- Sir Maurice Kay (Former Vice President of the Court of Appeal of England and Wales)
- Professor Emerita Elizabeth Meehan (Queen’s University Belfast)
- Professor Monica McWilliams (Ulster University)
- Philip Stephens (Financial Times)
- Professor Adam Tomkins (University of Glasgow) **Rapporteur**
- Professor Tony Travers (London School of Economics)
- Alan Trench (Constitution Unit, University College London & University of Edinburgh) **Advisor**

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