



HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

DECISIONS

Friday 22 May 2020

Attendance

- Lord Speaker (Chairman)
- Lord McFall of Alcluith (Deputy Chairman)
- Baroness Doocey
- Mathew Duncan (external member)
- Baroness Evans of Bowes Park
- Liz Hewitt (external member)
- Lord Judge
- Lord Laming
- Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall
- Lord Newby
- Baroness Smith of Basildon
- Lord Wakeham

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams. Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments, was in attendance.

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

The Commission agreed the minutes of the meeting on Monday 27 April without amendment and agreed the minutes of the meeting on Thursday 7 May 2020 with the following insertion:

“The Clerk of the Parliaments confirmed that select committee meetings on non-sitting days qualified for the allowance prior to the recent adjustments, and that this would continue to be the case.”

2. Restoration & Renewal Quarterly progress report from the R&R shadow Sponsor Body: Q4 of 2019/20 and Commentary by Lords R&R Directors

Paper by Liz Peace, Chair of the shadow Sponsor Body & Sarah Johnson, CEO of the shadow Sponsor Body, and cover note from Judith Brooke & Kate Meanwell, Lords R&R Directors

C/19-21/30 HIGHLY RESTRICTED

The Commission **took note** of the Quarterly progress report.

3. Restoration & Renewal Sponsor Body's Member Consultation Strategy

Paper by John Thursfield, Engagement Strategy Manager, R&R Sponsor Body, presented by Liz Peace, Chair of the shadow Sponsor Board & Sarah Johnson, CEO of the shadow Sponsor Body

C/19-21/31 HIGHLY RESTRICTED

The Commission **took note** of the Sponsor Body's Member Consultation Strategy.

4. Roadmap to Normal and Hybrid House

Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments

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The Commission **noted** that the hybrid model would be operational in the week beginning Monday 8 June at the earliest and **invited** the Procedure Committee to consider the procedural questions for hybrid proceedings.

The Commission **confirmed**, in principle, to implement a hybrid model focusing on the Chamber and with Members participating both in person and virtually.

5. Members Finance Scheme

Jonathan Smith, Head of Finance

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The Commission **confirmed** that participation – whether physical or virtual – in the following activities were eligible for the allowance under the resolution agreed on 6 May 2020;

- meetings as a member of the Board of the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST);
- meetings of the Ecclesiastical Committee and the Audit Committee;
- meetings of the Lord Speaker's Advisory Panel on Works of Art;
- meetings of the Sponsor Board for Restoration and Renewal, including meetings of formal committees of the Board;
- meetings of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament.
- participation in official Parliamentary delegations of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, NATO Parliamentary Assembly and Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE;
- participation in the Lords Outreach Programme;
- participation in other meetings and visits mandated by the House as follows:
 - House of Commons Members' Fund (HoCMF) – meetings*;
 - Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund (PCPF) – meetings*;
- participation in connection with the Armed Forces and Police Service Parliamentary Schemes*.

In line with the resolution of 6 May, the Commission **confirmed** that the amount payable would be £162, that this would apply in respect of participation on or after 21 April 2020 and that the activities marked * above would continue to be eligible for the allowance only on days that the House sat.

6. Update on the Services Committee

Lord Laming, Chairman of the Services Committee
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The Commission **took note** of the update.

7. Update on the Audit Committee

Liz Hewitt, Chairman of the Audit Committee
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The Commission **took note** of the update.

8. Any Other Business

Baroness Doocey asked that further joint meetings with the House of Commons Commission be considered. The Lord Speaker agreed to discuss this with Mr Speaker.

9. Next meeting

The Lord Speaker informed Commission members that the next meeting would take place on Monday 8 June 2020 via Microsoft Teams.

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