



## HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

### Decisions

Tuesday 15 September 2020

#### Attendance

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

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

#### I. Minutes and Matters Arising

The Commission agreed the record of discussion of the previous meeting of the House of Lords Commission of 27 July 2020. The Lord Speaker said that a number of minor, non-substantial amendments had been submitted by Commission members and agreed with him in advance of the meeting.

The Lord Speaker explained that the paper *Refusing Access to the Parliamentary Estate* by Fay Tennet, Deputy Director of Security (Operations) (C/19-21/58), would be considered at a future meeting.

Lord McFall of Alcluith, Baroness Doocey and Mathew Duncan provided a short oral update on the meeting which took place on Friday with the Clerk of the Parliaments, the Director of Facilities and the Managing Director of Strategic Estates. They explained that the small group had agreed that a concrete action plan on the work of Strategic Estates would be provided for the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

The Lord Speaker thanked the Commission for agreeing the paper *Membership Changes to the Audit Committee* (C/19-21/54) by correspondence. The Lord Speaker thanked Liz Hewitt for her work chairing the Audit Committee and her work as a member of the Commission, and he thanked Mathew Duncan for agreeing to take over as Chair of the Audit Committee from January 2021.

**2. Quarterly Report R&R Programme: Q1 2020/21**

Paper by Sarah Johnson, CEO of R&R Sponsor Body  
C/19-21/55 HIGHLY RESTRICTED

The Commission **took note** of the Quarterly Report.

**3. Update on the Strategic Review of the Restoration and Renewal Programme: Initial Findings, Outcome of Stakeholder Engagement and Next Steps**

Paper by Sarah Johnson, Chief Executive, and David Yass, Strategic Review Lead, R&R Sponsor Body  
C/19-21/56 HIGHLY RESTRICTED

The Commission **took note** of the Update.

**4. Estimates Commission - Nomination of Members**

Baroness Evans of Bowes Park, Leader of the House of Lords  
C/19-21/57 HIGHLY RESTRICTED

The Commission **agreed** to nominate Lord McFall of Alcluith and Lord Macpherson of Earl's Court and **agreed** to the conditions of their terms in post as set out in the paper.

**5. Update from Public Health England**

Oral update from Dr Nick Gent, Deputy Head of the Emergency Response Department, Centre for Emergency Preparedness & Response, Public Health England, and Professor Virginia Murray, Senior Public Health Adviser and Head of Global Disaster Risk Reduction, Public Health England.

The Lord Speaker thanked Dr Gent and Professor Murray and the Commission **took note** of the update.

**6. Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme (ICGS): 18-Month Review Update**

Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments  
C/19-21/59 HIGHLY RESTRICTED

The Commission deferred consideration of this item and the Commission **agreed** to consider this paper by correspondence.

**7. Overseas Travel**

Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments  
C/19-21/60 HIGHLY RESTRICTED

The Commission deferred consideration of this item and the Commission **agreed** to consider this paper by correspondence.

**8. Update on the Administration**

Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments  
C/19-21/61 HIGHLY RESTRICTED

The Commission deferred consideration of this item and the Commission **agreed** to consider this paper by correspondence.

**Any Other Business**

The Lord Speaker informed Commission members that the next meeting would take place via Microsoft Teams on during the week commencing Monday 5 October and that details would be confirmed in due course.

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