

**HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMISSION /
MEMBERS ESTIMATE COMMITTEE (MEC)**

**Monday 14 September 2020 at 10.00 am
Meeting in the Clerk of the House's Office
and via Microsoft Teams**

Present:

- The Speaker, in the Chair
- Jacob Rees-Mogg
- Valerie Vaz
- Sir Charles Walker
- Dame Rosie Winterton
- Pete Wishart
- Dr John Benger (Clerk of the House)
- Ian Ailles (Director General)
- Jane McCall (External member)
- Dr Rima Makarem (External member)

DECISIONS

COMMISSION

1. Reports and updates

- A. TUS and Members' staff update
- B. Written updates from the Domestic Committees
- C. Director General's update
- D. Covid-19 update

The Commission noted the updates.

2. Options to consider for savings and efficiencies

The Commission:

- **Noted the progress made in finding in-year savings to minimise the need for a capital to resource transfer; and**
- **Advised the Finance Director on potential areas for savings in future years.**

3. R&R Strategic Review update

The Commission:

- **Noted the initial findings of the R&R Strategic Review and the outcome of stakeholder engagement;**
- **Noted the anticipated timeline for completion of the Review;**
- **Agreed that Richmond House would be used as accommodation for Members, and to create better welfare facilities for House staff, in**

order to ensure the decant of Norman Shaw North in summer 2021;
and

- **Agreed to continue to work closely with the Sponsor Body through the Strategic Review to achieve mutually consistent outcomes.**

4. Commons nominations to the R&R Estimates Commission

Commissioners agreed to nominate Dame Eleanor Laing MP and Lilian Greenwood MP as the Commons members of the R&R Estimates Commission.

5. ICGS 18-month review: terms of reference and reviewer appointment

The Commission had an initial discussion on the draft terms of reference for the review and the appointment of the independent reviewer; and, owing to a lack of time in the meeting, agreed to defer this item to a future meeting.

6. Papers to note:

The Commission/MEC took note of the following papers:

- **Letter from Ken Gall re access to the Estate of a Member, and Mr Speaker's response**
- **R&R Sponsor Body Q1 Report**
- **Draft Forward Programme**
- **Deliberations from Monday 20 July**

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7. Any other business

None.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Commission/MEC will take place on Monday 12 October at 10.00 am in Speaker's Study and via Microsoft Teams.