

HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMISSION / MEC

**Monday 20 March 2023 at 10.00 am
Meeting in the Speaker's Study**

Present:

The Speaker, in the Chair

Nickie Aiken

Deidre Brock

Thangam Debbonaire

Sharon Hodgson

Penny Mordaunt

Sir Charles Walker

Dr John Benger (Clerk of the House)

Marianne Cwynarski (Director General (Operations))

Mr Shrinivas Honap (External member)

DECISIONS

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1. New Commissioner – Declaration of Members' Financial Interests

The Commission welcomed Sharon Hodgson and took note of her declared financial interests.

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2. Reports and updates

- a. TUS and Members' staff representatives update

The Commission took note of updates.

- b. Updates from the Administration Committee and Finance Committee.

The Commission took note of updates.

- c. House Service update

The Commission took note of updates.

The Commission agreed to block TikTok from all parliamentary devices and the wider parliamentary network.

The Commission asked for further information to be circulated on the Holocaust Memorial ahead of the next meeting.

3. Pay Remit

The Commission agreed a pay remit for House staff. This would form the framework for House officials to negotiate with the recognised Trade Unions.

4. Corporate Plan 2023/24 and updates to the text of the House Strategy 2023-27

The Commission agreed the Corporate Business Plan 2023/24. The Plan sets out high level objectives for the House Administration for the coming year and had been endorsed by the Administration Committee and Commons Executive Board.

The Commission agreed updates to the text of the House Strategy 2023-27.

5. Principles for Parliament's Collections including Sensitive Objects

The Commission endorsed a policy to support the ongoing management of collections which allows objects and items that may be sensitive to remain accessible, with factual context or descriptions added where appropriate.

6. Forward plan for the Commission

The Commission discussed forthcoming agenda items and agreed the forward plan to summer 2023.

7. Appointment of the Chair of the Restoration and Renewal Delivery Authority

The Commission noted the proposed appointment.

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8. Papers to note

The Commission took note of the following papers:

- Financial Monitoring Report 2022-23, P10
- Minutes of the Commission meeting held on Monday 27 February

9. Any other business

There was no other business.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Commission/MEC will take place on Monday 15 May 2023 at 10.00 am in the Speaker's Study.