



HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

Minutes

Wednesday 18 January 2023, 10.30-12noon

Attendance

- Lord Speaker (Chair)
- Lord Gardiner of Kimble (Deputy Chair)
- Mathew Duncan (external member)
- Lord German
- Lord Judge
- Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall
- Lord Newby
- Nora Senior (external member) (virtually)
- Baroness Smith of Basildon
- Lord True (virtually)
- Lord Vaux of Harrowden

Simon Burton, Clerk of the Parliaments, Andy Helliwell, Chief Operating Officer, Chloe Mawson, Clerk Assistant, Alison Giles, Director of Security for Parliament and Bev Weston, Director of Capital Investment, Strategic Estates, were also in attendance.

Apologies were received from Lord Hill of Oareford.

I. **Security Programme Update**

Alison Giles, Director of Security for Parliament
C/21-22/16 HIGHLY RESTRICTED

The Lord Speaker welcomed Alison Giles and Bev Weston to the meeting.

Alison Giles introduced the paper.

In discussion the following points were raised or noted:

- That communications should be improved to keep Members and colleagues better informed about the Security Programme.
- How the Clerk of the Parliaments communicated the options available to Members before decisions on the Security Programme were taken.
- That it would be helpful to have more information and to engage Members earlier when making decisions about the Security Programme.
- That there could be a written memorandum of understanding between the Commission and the Clerk of the Parliaments about their respective strategic and decision-making roles under the Security Programme.

- In response, the Commission heard that all projects were subject to ‘deep dives’ to provide assurance, and that all projects had a separate business case based on the Treasury Green Book.
- That further work would be undertaken to consider how such projects were communicated, how engagement is carried out and how Member feedback is gathered.

The Commission noted the paper. It was agreed that Simon Burton would prepare a paper to be brought to the Commission with a focus on Member engagement.

2. Any Other Business and Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 8 February 2023.

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