

HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMISSION / MEC

**Monday 10 July 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
Sir John Benger (Clerk of the House)
Marianne Cwynarski (Director General (Operations))
Shrinivas Honap (External member)
Catherine Ward (External member)

Apologies: None

DECISIONS

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1. New Member – Declarations of Interests

Catherine Ward declared non-executive roles with the Royal Institute of British Architects, Manchester Metropolitan University and the London Contemporary Dance Trust as well as coaching consultancy work.

The Commission welcomed Catherine to her new role.

2. Reports and updates

- a. TUS and Members' staff representatives update
- b. i) Update from the Finance Committee
ii) Update from the Administration Committee
iii) Update from the Audit Committee
- c. House Administration update

The Commission took note of the updates.

The Commission agreed an increase in the Select Committee travel budget for the current financial year and asked for an update on use of the budget and a review of how it was allocated to return to the Finance Committee and Commission in the Autumn.

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3. Risk-based exclusion: next steps following general debate

The Commission noted the debate on 12 June, considered potential amendments and agreed to make further proposals to the House after the summer recess following consultation with the House of Lords Commission. The Commission reiterated its strong commitment to proceed

with this matter while taking on board useful practical suggestions which had emerged from the debate.

4. Next review of the Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme

The Commission noted an update on planning for the next review.

5. Pay remit

The Commission agreed an updated pay remit.

6. Independent Review of Financial Management: Progress update

The Commission noted progress in the first quarter of delivery and asked about the impact on value for money of projects and services. Future updates would contain more detail on measuring outcomes.

7. Members' Survey 2023: Summary

The Commission welcomed the high level results and will consider the full results and an action plan in the Autumn.

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8. Papers to note:

The Commission took note of the following papers:

- P2 Financial Monitoring Report
- Letter to Chair of Finance regarding Select Committee Travel
- ICGS update
- Minutes of the Commission meeting held on Monday 12 June

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 11 September 2023 at 10.00 am in the Speaker's Study.