



LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING ON 13 JUNE 2023 at 4PM
DECISIONS DOCUMENT

Present:

Bach, L.
Bichard, L.
Collins of Highbury, L.
Haskel, L.
Howe, E.
Gardiner of Kimble, L. (Chair)
Kinnoull, E.
Scott of Needham Market, B.
Taylor of Holbeach, L.
Walmsley, B.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME TO NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Apologies for absence were received from Lord Blencathra.

The Chair welcomed the Earl of Kinnoull to his first meeting of the Committee.

2. IRELAND/NORTHERN IRELAND PROTOCOL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee *noted* the appointment of Lord Ricketts as Chair of the European Affairs Committee, parent committee of the Sub-Committee, on Monday 12 June.

The Committee *agreed* to extend the Ireland/Northern Ireland Protocol Sub-Committee until the end of the current Parliament.

The Chair would write to the Committee of Selection to request that the rotation rule be disappplied to the Sub-Committee for 2024.

3. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS COMMITTEE

The Committee *agreed* the amendment to the terms of reference for the International Agreements Committee subject to confirmation that an Agreement must meet one or more of the ‘sift’ criteria (not all of them) to be reported on. The Committee also *agreed* to request an assessment from the International Agreements Committee on the suitability of the amended terms of reference one year after implementation.

4. REVIEW OF HOUSE OF LORDS INVESTIGATIVE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ACTIVITY IN 2022–23

The Committee discussed the Chair's first draft report, *Review of House of Lords Investigative and Scrutiny Committee Activity in 2022–23*.

The Committee *agreed* the Chair's first draft report, subject to the amendments discussed.

The Committee *agreed* to delegate authority to the Chair to approve final changes to the report.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk of Committees informed the Committee of the government amendments agreed at report stage of the Financial Services and Markets Bill, providing a role for Joint and/or Lords Committee involvement in the scrutiny of financial services regulations proposed by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.

Once the Bill has progressed, a paper will be prepared setting out proposals for the Committee's decision. The Committee may wish to agree the next steps by correspondence or a further committee meeting could be arranged.

The Chair informed the Committee that the annual invitation for special inquiry committee proposals would be issued on 14 June with a deadline of 6 September.

5 July 2023

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