



LIAISON COMMITTEE DECISIONS DOCUMENT

Wednesday 26 February 2020 at 10.30 am

Present:

Bradley, L.
Hayter of Kentish Town, B.
Howe, E.
Judge, L.
Lang of Monkton, L.
Low of Dalston, L.
McFall of Alcluith, L. (Chair)
Smith of Hindhead, L.
Tyler, L.
Walmsley, B.

I. MINUTES

The Committee *approved* the draft minutes from the 1st meeting of the Committee, and took note of the informal minutes of the 1st meeting of the Chairs' Forum.

2. SPECIAL INQUIRY COMMITTEE FOLLOW UP

The Committee considered five proposals which had been received for consideration, as follows:

Artificial Intelligence, from Lord Clement-Jones
Political Polling, from Lord Lipsey
Rural Economy, from Lord Foster of Bath
Sexual Violence in Conflict, from Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne
Soft Power and the UK's Influence, from Lord Howell of Guildford

The committee *agreed* to select (i) Artificial Intelligence and (ii) Political Polling for the first two follow-up sessions.

3. HOUSE OF LORDS SCRUTINY OF COMMON FRAMEWORKS AND DEVOLUTION ISSUES

The Chair drew attention to his letter of 24 February to Michael Gove MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office. He intended to hold an additional committee meeting, to be held in mid-March following receipt of Mr Gove's response, to discuss the potential for a Lords Committee to scrutinise the new UK wide common frameworks between the Government and the Devolved Administrations.

In discussion, there was support for the additional meeting.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee held a wide-ranging discussion on communications about the work of the House of Lords, including its committees. It *agreed* that more could be done to encourage informative articles in the media highlighting the work of the House and its committees. The Chair undertook to report the discussion to the Lord Speaker.

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