

## **HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMISSION / MEC**

**Monday 11 December 2023 at 10.00 am  
Meeting in the Speaker's Study**

### **Present:**

The Speaker, in the Chair  
Nickie Aiken  
Deidre Brock  
Sharon Hodgson  
Penny Mordaunt  
Lucy Powell  
Sir Charles Walker  
Shrinivas Honap (External member)  
Catherine Ward (External member)  
Marianne Cwynarski (Director General (Operations))  
Tom Goldsmith (Clerk of the House)

**Apologies:** None

## **DECISIONS**

### **COMMISSION/MEC**

#### **1. Reports and updates**

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

**The Commission took note of the updates.**

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#### **2. Risk-based exclusion policy**

**The Commission agreed amended proposals for a risk-based exclusion policy and a report to the House setting these out.**

**The Commission noted that a delegation of the Commission had met with a delegation of the House of Lords Commission to discuss their respective approaches to the issue, and that Mr Speaker had written to the Procedure Committee regarding the scope of the proxy voting system.**

#### **3. Environmental sustainability targets to 2050**

**The Commission endorsed the Environmental Sustainability Policy and the Environmental Targets for 2025 and 2050. It agreed with the Commons Executive Board that further work was required to understand costs and risks before interim or earlier targets were finalised.**

#### **4. School travel subsidy and cost-of-living increase**

**The Commission received an update on the Education Travel Subsidy and agreed an increase in the scheme likely to apply from April 2024. It asked for further work to model how total rather than percentage claim limits impact available funding.**

**The Commission noted that a deep dive review of the Education Travel Subsidy programme would take place in the third quarter of 2024/25 (autumn), and would take account of constituency boundary changes.**

5. R&R Supplementary estimate

**The Commission endorsed the supplementary estimate for the Parliamentary Works Grant (Delivery Authority) and agreed to write to the Chair of the Delivery Authority on a specific matter.**

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6. Papers to note:

**The Commission took note of the following papers:**

- Minutes of the Commission meeting held on Monday 13 November
- Education Centre update

7. Any other business

**There was no other business.**

8. Date of next meeting

**The next meeting of the Commission/MEC will take place on Monday 15 January 2024 at 10.00 am in the Speaker's Study.**