



HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

Decisions

Tuesday 15 December 2020

Attendance

- Lord Speaker (Chairman)
- Lord McFall of Alcluith (Deputy Chairman)
- Baroness Doocey
- Mathew Duncan (external member)
- Baroness Evans of Bowes Park
- Liz Hewitt (external member)
- Lord Judge
- Lord Laming
- Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall
- Lord Newby
- Baroness Smith of Basildon
- Lord Wakeham

Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments, was in attendance. The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

The Commission agreed the record of discussion of the previous meeting of the House of Lords Commission of 30 November.

2. Strategic Review of the Restoration and Renewal Programme: Draft Report and Annexes November 2020

Draft report of the Strategic Review of the Restoration and Renewal Programme, Cover Note on Outcome and Next Steps by Sarah Johnson, Chief Executive of the R&R Sponsor Body

C/19-21/79 HIGHLY RESTRICTED: COMMERCIAL

The Commission **noted** the Draft Report.

3. Strategic Review of the Restoration and Renewal Programme: Draft Report, Outcome and Next Steps: Commentary from Lords R&R Directors

Kate Meanwell and Judith Brooke, House of Lords R&R Directors

C/19-21/80 HIGHLY RESTRICTED: COMMERCIAL

The Commission **noted** the paper.

4. External Management Review: Draft Report

Keith Leslie, External Reviewer and Liz Mohr, Deputy External Reviewer
C/19-21/81 HIGHLY RESTRICTED

The Commission **noted** the Draft Report and **agreed** to discuss the contents of the report further at an additional meeting in early January on a date and at a time to be determined.

5. Audit Committee Progress Report: May to November 2020

Liz Hewitt, Chair of the Audit Committee
C/19-21/82 HIGHLY RESTRICTED

The Commission **noted** the Report.

6. Update on the Administration

Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments
C/19-21/83 HIGHLY RESTRICTED

Covid-19 Update and Tier Three Restrictions

Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments
C/19-21/84 HIGHLY RESTRICTED

After discussion, the Commission **agreed** that all Members' staff – save for those supporting Ministers, frontbenchers or members with disabilities who could not do so remotely – should be asked to work remotely and not to work on the Estate. The Commission also **agreed** that the sale of alcohol should cease in the House of Lords venues that remained open.

The Commission **noted** the Update.

7. Any Other Business

8. Next meeting

The Lord Speaker informed Commission members that the next meeting would take place via Microsoft Teams on Monday 18 January.

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