



## Modernisation Committee

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### **From the Chair, Rt Hon Lucy Powell MP**

Cat Smith MP  
Chair of the Procedure Committee

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Dear Cat

I am writing to you today in my capacity as Chair of the Modernisation Committee, to let you know about the committee's upcoming call for views on its future programme of work. We plan to conduct this call for views through three main routes: traditional written evidence submissions, an online form for internal stakeholders, and in-person engagement with key individuals and stakeholder groups. The committee will seek to engage with Members of Parliament and their staff, House staff and external stakeholders such as academics and think tanks. We are aiming to launch this call for views on 17 October, with a closing date of 3pm on 16 December. The committee has already endorsed some initial workstreams and three strategic aims, as set out in the memorandum published on 12 September, which I have attached for information. The strategic aims are:

- a. driving up standards;
- b. improving culture and working practices; and
- c. reforming working procedures to make the House of Commons more effective.

The committee is particularly keen to work with other relevant select committees, and sees the Procedure Committee as an important partner as it develops its future programme. By working together, I am confident that we can make Parliament an even better and more effective place to work in, and visit.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lucy Powell'.

**RT HON LUCY POWELL MP**