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From the Chair, Rt Hon Lucy Powell MP

Dame Meg Hillier MP
Chair of the Liaison Committee

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Dear Meg,

I would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as the Chair of the Liaison Committee. I am writing to you today in my capacity as Chair of the Modernisation Committee, to let you know about the committee's upcoming work on its future programme.

The committee would like to thank you for your recent letter, highlighting the important work carried out by the Liaison Committee during the last Parliament, set out in its report on *Promoting national strategy: How select committee scrutiny can improve strategic thinking in Whitehall*. We note the recommendation that Parliament should establish a new committee on national strategic priorities.

As you are aware 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.

We have just concluded a call for views using three main methods: traditional written evidence submissions, an online form for internal stakeholders, and in-person engagement with key individuals and stakeholder groups. The committee has sought to engage with Members of Parliament and their staff, House staff and external stakeholders such as academics and think tanks.

The committee is particularly keen to work with other relevant select committees, and sees the Liaison Committee as an important partner as we look at what work to prioritise in the new year. 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 that reads "Lucy Powell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'L' and 'P'.

RT HON LUCY POWELL MP