



LIAISON COMMITTEE

MEETING ON 2 DECEMBER 2024 at 3.00pm

DECISIONS DOCUMENT

Present:

Bach, L.
Bichard, L.
Collins of Highbury, L.
Garden of Frognal, B.
Gardiner of Kimble, L. (Chair)
Howe, E.
Kinnoull, E.
Purvis of Tweed, L.
Taylor of Holbeach, L.

Watkins of Tavistock, B. (attended for item 3 only)
Lord Bishop of Manchester (attended for item 3 only)
Aberdare, L. (attended for item 3 only)
Hodgson of Astley Abbots, L. (attended for item 3 only)
Ravensdale, L. (attended for item 3 only)
Cromwell, L. (attended for item 3 only)
Browning, B. (attended for item 3 only)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Lord Blencathra and Lord Haskel.

2. MINUTES

The Committee *agreed* the Minutes of the 2nd Liaison Committee meeting of 2024–25 Session.

3. SPECIAL INQUIRY COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

The following members presented their special inquiry proposals:

- 3.05pm Baroness Watkins of Tavistock - Home based working in the UK (Proposal 15)
- 3.15pm Lord Bishop of Manchester - Lower income country debt relief (Proposal 22)
- 3.25pm Lord Aberdare - Meeting critical UK skills needs (Proposal 24)
- 3.35pm Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbots - Planning for the UK's demographic future (Proposal 27)
- 3.45pm Lord Ravensdale - Social mobility (Proposal 32)
- 3.55pm Lord Cromwell - UK engagement with space – opportunities and issues (Proposal 36)

- 4.05pm Baroness Browning - Post-legislative scrutiny of the Autism Act 2009 (Proposal 43)

A full transcript of the presentations and questions were taken and will be published in due course.

The Committee *considered* the shortlisted proposals to recommend for special inquiry committees in early 2025. The Committee *noted* the letter received from the Chair of the International Development Committee, Sarah Champion MP, regarding the proposal on lower income country debt relief.

The Committee *agreed* to recommend the appointment of a Committee to consider the effects and future development of home-based working in the UK to start work in January 2025 and report by November 2025. (Home-based working Committee)

The Committee *agreed* to recommend the appointment of a Committee to consider how educational and work opportunities could be better integrated to improve social mobility to start work in January 2025 and report by November 2025. (Social mobility policy Committee)

The Committee *agreed* to recommend the appointment of a Committee to consider UK policies relating to space, and both the opportunities and challenges related to the UK's engagement with space to start work in January 2025 and report by November 2025. (UK engagement with space Committee)

The Committee *agreed* to recommend the appointment of a Committee to consider the Autism Act 2009 to start work in January 2025 and report by November 2025. (Autism Act 2009 Committee)

The Committee *agreed* that the Chair's draft report reflecting these recommendations would be agreed by correspondence.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair highlighted the invitation from staff for amendments and comments on the Chairs and Members Guide by close of play on 13 December 2024.

Lord Gardiner of Kimble

4 December 2024