

MINUTES

R&R Programme Board Sub Board

Meeting date	14 January 2025
Meeting location	Committee Room 20, Palace of Westminster
Meeting time	13:00–15:00

Attendees

Programme Board Sub Board	Officials
Lord Vaux of Harrowden (Chair)	Fehintola Akinlose (Lords)
Marie Goldman MP	Katya Cassidy (R&R Client Team)
Mark Tami MP	Tanya Coff (Delivery Authority)
Michele Dix	Catherine Murphy (Delivery Authority)
Steve Hails	Danielle Nash (R&R Client Team)
	Vicky Rock (Commons)
	Charlotte Simmonds (R&R Client Team)
	Scott Simmons (Commons)
	Bev Weston (Commons)
	James Young (R&R Client Team)

1. Welcome and standing items

The Sub Board agreed to the publication of the minutes of the meeting on 11 December 2024.

2. R&R costs 2025/26

The Sub Board was briefed on R&R costs as a whole. It was noted that discussions were taking place at an official level about how R&R costs were best displayed, including specific areas, such as decant, where costs only partly related to R&R. The Sub Board noted that R&R Client Team costs were lower than costs under the R&R Sponsor Body.

It was noted that there was still some disparity with how VAT was included in figures which needed to be resolved, although the numbers provided reflected how they appeared in the relevant accounts due to the Houses being able to recover VAT and the DA not being able to.

The Sub Board was briefed on EMI costs. The Sub Board discussed the work being done to develop EMI to RIBA 2 and noted that this work could be stopped if instructed.

The Sub Board discussed DA costs. The Sub Board discussed the risks of delay to the Delivery Authority, including to design and Programme resource, procurement and commercial.

The Sub Board noted the difficulty in balancing current work on options with uncertainty of the role of the DA in the future and thanked the DA for its work during an uncertain time for the organisation.

The Sub Board discussed the point at which work on a particular option would be stopped (i.e. whether work could be stopped if the Client Board indicated that it would not recommend a particular option to the Houses) and noted the financial implications of continuing work on all three options until a decision in the Houses.

3. Any other business and date of next meeting

The next meeting would take place on 11 February 2025.

4. Take note

The Board noted a paper on R&R communications resource.