



HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

Agenda

Wednesday 19 March 2025, 10.00am–11.30am
in Committee Room 1 and via Teams

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting on 5 February 2025

Oral Updates

2. Update from the Clerk of the Parliaments

Clerk of the Parliaments' Update paper [UNRESTRICTED]

Simon Burton, Clerk of the Parliaments, will update the Commission.

The update will include the work of the Management Board, Member Inductions, the Archives Relocation Programme, Recruitment, the Victoria Tower's Fabric Safety Programme, Chamber Roof, and Abingdon Street Fence.

For Decision

3. Financial Support for Members of the House of Lords

C/24–25/28; [HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

Simon Burton, Clerk of the Parliaments, and Jonathan P Smith, Head of Finance, will present the paper.

An overnight allowance was introduced with effect from April 2024. After 12 months it was to be reviewed to establish whether it was working as intended; this paper is that review.

4. Supplementary Daily Allowance for non-salaried domestic committee chairs

C/24–25/29; [HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

Chloe Mawson, Clerk Assistant, and Jonathan P Smith, Head of Finance, will present the paper.

The paper asks the Commission to consider a supplementary daily allowance for the non-salaried domestic committee chairs of the Conduct, Finance and Services Committees.

5. Restoration and Renewal (R&R) Lords temporary accommodation: QEII design scheme selection

C/24–25/30; [RESTRICTED]

James Young, Programme and Assurance Director from the R&R Client Team, and Andy Piper, Design and Engineering Director from the R&R Delivery Authority, will present the paper.

The paper invites the Commission to provide feedback on the scheme endorsed by the Lords Management Board for a Lords occupation of the QEII under the full decant and continued presence R&R options.

6. Enhanced Maintenance and Improvement (EMI) option: implications for the House of Lords

C/24–25/31; [RESTRICTED]

Bev Weston, Head of Integration from Strategic Estates, and Charlotte Simmonds, Managing Director from the R&R Client Team, will present the paper.

To allow the Commission to consider the implications of all three Restoration and Renewal (R&R) delivery options for the House of Lords, this paper concerns the Lords temporary accommodation implications of the EMI option, which will be considered at the same meeting as paper C/24–25/30, which concerns the use of QEII as Lords temporary accommodation under the full decant and continuous presence options.

Any Other Business and Next Meeting

- **Restoration and Renewal (R&R) Phase I Expenditure Limit**

C/24–25/34; [RESTRICTED]

Charlotte Simmonds, Managing Director from the R&R Client Team, and Russ MacMillan, Chief Executive Officer from the R&R Delivery Authority, will present the paper.

The paper proposes a further variation to the R&R Phase I Expenditure Limit to account for the Delivery Authority's budget expenditure set out in the Main Estimate for 2025/26.

- **Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Member Appointments**

C/24–25/35; [HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

The paper proposes the appointment of two members to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

- The next Commission meeting will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 7 May 2025.
- A joint meeting of the Commission and the Management Board will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 2 July 2025.

For Information

- Establishing the Parliamentary Commercial Directorate as a joint department – update
C/24–25/33; [RESTRICTED]
- Schedule of Future Meetings

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