

HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMISSION / MEC

Monday 8 February 2021 at 10.00 am
Meeting in the Speaker's Office
and via Microsoft Teams

Present:

The Speaker, in the Chair

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Valerie Vaz

Sir Charles Walker

Dame Rosie Winterton

Pete Wishart

Dr John Benger (Clerk of the House)

Ian Ailles (Director General)

Jane McCall (External member)

Dr Rima Makarem (External member)

DECISIONS

COMMISSION/MEC

1. REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. TUS update

b. Regular covid-19 update

c. Updates from Administration, Finance and Audit Committees

d. House Service update

The Commission took note of the updates.

2. UPDATE ON THE COSTS OF THE COMMONS ESTATE REFURBISHMENT AND CLOSURE OF THE NORTHERN ESTATE PROGRAMME

The Commission:

- **Noted the revised direction for planned refurbishments for accommodation on the Common's Northern Estate and the planning assumptions;**
- **Endorsed the revised financial envelope for the Commons Estate Portfolio;**
- **Agreed the Medium-Term Investment Plan of £390.3m Capital and £61.0m Resource, noting the commitment to return to the Commission in the Autumn to update on the emerging forward look for the Commons Estate Portfolio; and**
- **Agreed an Estimate of £42.8m for Capital and £19.9m for Resource for 2021/22.**

3. RESTORATION AND RENEWAL PHASE 1 EXPENDITURE LIMIT

The Commission held an initial discussion on the Phase 1 Expenditure Limit and agreed to have a further discussion at its meeting on Monday 22 February.

4. RECRUITMENT OF AN EXTERNAL COMMISSIONER

The Commission agreed the recruitment process for a new External Commissioner to replace Jane McCall when her appointment ends.

5. PAPERS TO NOTE

The Commission took note of the following papers:

- **Cultural transformation update**
- **Quarterly Report from the R&R Programme for Q3 2020/21**
- **Draft Forward Programme**
- **Deliberations from 11 January 2021**

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Commission/MEC will take place on Monday 22 February 2021 at 10.00 am in the Speaker's Study and via Microsoft Teams.