



SERVICES COMMITTEE

Decisions

Thursday 25 February at 1pm on Microsoft Teams

Present:

Lord Touhig (Chair)
Lord Ashton of Hyde
Lord Borwick
Lord Clark of Windermere
Lord Clement-Jones
Baroness Deech
Lord Judge
Baroness Morris of Bolton
Lord Stoneham of Droxford
Baroness Wheeler

Apologies

There were no apologies.

The Committee noted its thanks to Lord Laming for all his work as former Chair of the Committee and to Lord Campbell-Savours for his service as a Committee member.

COVID-19 Update (S/19-21/57) [RESTRICTED]

The Committee was provided with an update on the operation of the Estate, including initial plans in response to the Prime Minister's Roadmap announcement on 22 February. The Committee took note of the update.

Strategic Review of the Restoration and Renewal Programme (S/19-21/58) [HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

The Committee was updated on the Strategic Review and on the progression of current funding proposals to the Commissions of both Houses. The Committee took note of the report.

Changes to the telephone system (S/19-21/59) [RESTRICTED]

An update was provided on the changes to the telephone system and the additional functionality provided. A trial had taken place with a number of members and their staff and the project looked to roll out the changes more widely in the coming months. The Committee took note of the update.

Options for public tours and paid-for tours of the Palace of Westminster (S/19-21/60) [HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

The Committee considered the options for the future of paid for tours once visitors were able to return to the Estate. The Committee was supportive of the provision of tours returning to the pre-pandemic state, with the addition of the digital offer developed in the last year.

Oral update on re-procurement of Travel Office services

The Committee was provided with an update on the re-procurement of Travel Office services; the invitation to tender had been issued and an evaluation panel agreed.

Any other business

The Committee discussed member take-up of fire safety training.

The next meeting would be on Thursday 25 March at 1pm

Gabby Longdin
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