



LIAISON COMMITTEE

MEETING ON 12 NOVEMBER 2025 at 10.00am

DECISIONS DOCUMENT

Present:

Bichard, L.
Collins of Highbury, L.
Fookes, B.
Garden of Frognal, B.
Gardiner of Kimble, L. (Chair)
Haskel, L.
Howe, E.
Kinnoull, E.
Smith of Hindhead, L.

Rook, L. (attended for item 3 only)
Wyld, B. (attended for item 3 only)
Caine of Kentish Town, B. (attended for item 3 only)
Bates, L. (attended for item 3 only)
Browne of Ladyton, L. (attended for item 3 only)
Bull, B. (attended for item 3 only)
Laming, L. (attended for item 3 only)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed Lord Storey to his first meeting of the Committee.

Apologies were received from Lord Haskel and Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon.

2. MINUTES

The Committee *agreed* the Minutes of the 6th Liaison Committee meeting of 2024–26 Session.

3. SPECIAL INQUIRY COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

The Chair set out the special inquiry committee selection process.

The Committee *invited* the seven proposers shortlisted to present their special inquiry proposals:

- 10.05am Lord Rook – Artificial intelligence and Society (Proposal 1)
- 10.15am Baroness Wyld – Childhood vaccination rates (Proposal 3)
- 10.25am Baroness Caine of Kentish Town – Freelancing and Self-Employment: Rights and Responsibilities in a Modern Economy (Proposal 13)

- 10.35am Lord Bates – Lifelong Learning: Removing barriers and realising the benefits of higher education in later life (Proposal 16)
- 10.45am Lord Browne of Ladyton – National Resilience (Proposal 20)
- 10.55am Baroness Bull – Numeracy for life (Proposal 21)
- 11.05am Lord Laming – Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Proposal 39)

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 2026.

The Committee *agreed* to recommend the appointment of a Committee to consider the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 to start work in January 2026 and report by November 2026. (Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Committee)

The Committee *agreed* to recommend the appointment of a Committee to consider childhood vaccination rates in England to start work in January 2026 and report by November 2026. (Childhood Vaccinations Committee)

The Committee *agreed* to recommend the appointment of a Committee to consider national resilience, including the role of local resilience to start work in January 2026 and report by November 2026. (National Resilience Committee)

The Committee *agreed* to recommend the appointment of a Committee to consider numeracy in England to start work in January 2026 and report by November 2026. (Numeracy Committee)

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

4. PUBLIC INQUIRIES COMMITTEE

The Committee *noted* the letter received from Dame Meg Hillier MP, Chair of the House of Commons Liaison Committee responding to the Committee's letter regarding a public inquiries committee.

The Committee *welcomed* the work ongoing in the House of Commons and would await further detail as the other place considers this.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair *noted* the invitation to the Committee to submit amendments and comments on the Chairs and Members Guide with a deadline of 10 December 2025.

The Chair *noted* a proposed addition to the Guide to clarify the process involved in utilising Standing Order 64. The Committee *agreed* to include this information to assist both Chairs and Members in conducting committee work.

Lord Gardiner of Kimble

15 November 2025