



HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

DECISIONS

Wednesday 3 June 2026 10:00am–12:30pm
in Committee Room 1 and online

Attendance

- Lord Speaker (Chair)
- Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede (Deputy Chair)
- Earl of Kinnoull
- Lord McLoughlin
- Alice Maynard (external member)
- Charlotte Moar (external member)
- Lord Morse
- Baroness Pitkeathley
- Lord Purvis of Tweed
- Baroness Scott of Needham Market
- Baroness Smith of Basildon
- Lord True

Officials also in attendance:

Mathew Chandler, Director of Estates and Facilities; Marianne Cwynarski, Director General House of Commons; Jonathan Dewsbury, Interim Managing Director, Strategic Estates; Andy Helliwell, Chief Operating Officer; Alix Langley, HR Director; Paul Martin, Interim Director of Parliamentary Security; Chloe Mawson, Clerk of the Parliaments; Jessie Peramal, Interim Finance Director; Andy Piper, Technical Director, Restoration and Renewal Delivery Authority; Duncan Sagar, Clerk Assistant; Charlotte Simmonds, Managing Director Restoration and Renewal Client Team; Jonathan Smith, Head of Finance; and James Whittle, Chief of Staff, Clerk of the Parliaments' Office (*virtual*).

At the meeting on 3 June 2026, the Commission considered:

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Commission agreed the record of the discussion of the meeting of the House of Lords Commission on 15 April 2026, with redactions.

2. Report from the Clerk of the Parliaments

Clerk of the Parliaments' Report [HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

3. Report from the Interim Security Director

Interim Security Director's Report [HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

4. Corporate Priorities and Medium-Term Financial Plan

C/26–27/1 [RESTRICTED]

The Commission:

- noted the approach to the 2027/2028 Corporate Business Plan priorities and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2026; and
- agreed to further discuss these draft documents at the awayday on 3 July 2026.

5. Financial Support for Members of the House of Lords

C/26–27/2 [HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

The Commission:

- decided that Members claiming the London accommodation cost allowance should also provide a council tax or rates bill in their name in relation to their provided registered residential address to claim travel costs;
- decided that Members should have the option of being able to claim the full or reduced rate of the daily allowance in all circumstances where the daily allowance can be claimed, except in cases of Members joining virtually for Learn with the Lords which would remain restricted to the reduced daily allowance;
- agreed that, using their own discretion, Members should not claim the full daily allowance if claiming subsistence for attendance of an interparliamentary assembly; and
- agreed the amount Members may recover as a maximum contribution in relation to claiming for necessary parking or cost of taxis increases to up to £30 for each day of attendance.

6. Repair of the House of Lords Chamber Roofs Project
C/26–27/3 [RESTRICTED - COMMERCIAL]

The Commission:

- endorsed the timetable for the main works;
- endorsed the procurement outcome for these works and current schedule and cost estimates, including the key changes from the Outline Business Case to current Full Business Case, subject to further work to minimise costs;
- endorsed the measures taken to ensure the business of the House and stakeholders are not impacted during works;
- endorsed the engagement programme to ensure that stakeholders are appraised of issues and progress of the project; and
- requested that further discussion should be held with Natural England regarding managing the protected peregrines during their breeding season over the duration of the construction works.

7. Education Centre during the Restoration and Renewal Programme
C/26–27/4 [RESTRICTED]

The Commission:

- agreed that further work should be undertaken to understand future Education Centre provision; and
- agreed that officials should continue work on the possible location of the Education Centre in the Lords' preferred decant venue during Restoration and Renewal.

8. Update on the Work of the Services Committee
C/26-27/5 [RESTRICTED]

The Commission noted the update.

Any Other Business

Parliamentary Works Estimates Commission: Change in Lords Membership

The Commission agreed that Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede should replace Lord Gardiner of Kimble as one of the two Lords members of the Estimates Commission.

Consultative Panel on Parliamentary Security: Change in Lords Membership

The Commission agreed that the following Members of the House of Lords be appointed to the Consultative Panel on Parliamentary Security:

- Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede, as Senior Deputy Speaker, in place of Lord Gardiner of Kimble;
- Lord Kinnoull in place of Lord Laming; and
- Lord Goddard of Stockport in place of Lord Stoneham of Droxford.

Alasdair Love
Secretary to the Commission

Raquel Fernández Vidal
Executive Officer to the Commission