



HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

Agenda

Wednesday 22 July 2026, 10.00am–12.30pm
in Committee Room I

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Commission will be invited to agree the records of discussion of the previous meetings of the House of Lords Commission on 3 June, with redactions, and 3 July 2026.

2. Report from the Clerk of the Parliaments

[HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

Clerk of the Parliaments' report

Chloe Mawson, Clerk of the Parliaments, will report to the Commission.

3. Report from the Interim Security Director

[HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

Interim Security Director's report

Paul Martin, Interim Director of Parliamentary Security, will report to the Commission.

4. Governance of Security in Parliament

C/26–27/8 [HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

Paul Martin, Interim Director of Security for Parliament, will present the paper.

This paper invites the Commission to endorse the proposed approach to security governance in Parliament.

5. Visitor Information System

C/26–27/9 [HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

Paul Martin, Interim Director of Security for Parliament, and Sarah Kears-Burke, Head of Portfolio Engagement, Parliamentary Security Department, will present the paper.

This paper seeks the Commission's approval to the principle of a Visitor Information System (VIS) for Parliament for all visitors to the estate.

6. Refusing Access to the Parliamentary Estate

C/26-27/10 [RESTRICTED]

Peter Stam, Head of the Security & Access Hub, Parliamentary Security Department, Paul Martin, Director of Security for Parliament, and Ed Davis, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, will present the paper.

This paper invites the Commission to approve a consolidated policy governing the refusal of access to the Parliamentary Estate for non-passholders. The policy formalises long-standing practice within a clear and consistent framework.

7. Retired Peers' passes and Members' spouses/partners: introduction of security vetting

C/26-27/11 [RESTRICTED: SECURITY]

Peter Stam, Head of the Security & Access Hub, Parliamentary Security Department, Paul Martin, Director of Security for Parliament, and Ed Davis, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, will present the paper.

This paper seeks agreement to introduce arrangements to pause the issue of Retired Peer passes where a standards investigation is ongoing, and to introduce national security vetting for Retired Peers and Members' spouses/partners who hold parliamentary passes.

8. Victoria Tower Fabric Safety Project Update

C/26-27/12 [RESTRICTED]

Andy Helliwell, Chief Operating Officer, will present the paper.

This paper provides an update on the Victoria Tower Fabric Safety Project, focusing on the practical implications for users of the southern end of the Palace of Westminster.

9. Steering Group for Change Annual Report 2025-26

C/26-27/13 [UNRESTRICTED]

Baroness Carberry of Muswell Hill, Chair, Steering Group for Change, and Sarah Brader, Director of Culture Change, will present the paper.

This paper reports on the work and impact of the Steering Group for Change since the last Annual Report.

10. Update on the Work of the Finance Committee

C/26-27/14 [RESTRICTED]

Lord Morse, Chair of the Finance Committee, will present the paper.

This paper reports updates the Commission on the Finance Committee's recent activities.

For Information

- Schedule of Future Meetings

Alasdair Love
Secretary to the Commission

Raquel Fernández Vidal
Executive Officer to the Commission

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