



HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

DECISIONS

Wednesday 16 September 2026 10:30am–12:30pm
in Committee Room 1

Attendance

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

Apologies were received from Baroness Pitkeathley and Charlotte Moar (external member).

Officials also in attendance:

Emily Baldock, Deputy Director (Capability), Parliamentary Security Department; Emma Burke, Clerk, Finance and Services Committees; Andy Helliwell, Chief Operating Officer; Alix Langley, HR Director; Chief Supt Sara Leach, Operational Command Unit Commander, Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection; Alasdair Love, Secretary to the House of Lords Commission; Paul Martin, Interim Director of Parliamentary Security; Chloe Mawson, Clerk of the Parliaments; Jessie Peramal, Interim Finance Director; Andy Piper, Design & Engineering Director; Sarah Rayner, Chief Commercial Officer; Celia Richardson, Senior Architect, Delivery Authority; Duncan Sagar, Clerk Assistant; and Charlotte Simmonds, Managing Director, R&R Client Team.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Commission agreed the record of discussion of the meetings of the House of Lords Commission on 22 July 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. The Governance of Security in Parliament

C/26–27/15 [RESTRICTED]

The Commission:

- endorsed the remit and composition of the Parliamentary Security Authority (PSA);
- noted the establishment of the new Parliamentary Security Board (PSB);
- endorsed the proposal that the consultative bodies and channels listed are sufficient and that the Consultative Panel on Parliamentary Security (CPPS) is no longer required; and
- noted the lists of governance bodies that will continue or dissolve.

5. Metropolitan Police Service briefing

[HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

The Commission noted the briefing.

6. Policing Services to Parliament

C/26–27/16 [HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

The Commission endorsed:

- *[Restricted Access – More Information]*, and
- the principles and proposed approach to the negotiations set out.

7. Parliament Square Streetscape Project

C/26–27/17 [HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

The Commission:

- noted progress on the Parliament Square Streetscape Project since the previous update in March 2026;
- agreed in principle to the project proceeding as outlined in this paper; and
- agreed that further consultation with Members and staff should be undertaken in autumn 2026.

8. Restoration and Renewal (R&R) Lords temporary accommodation update
C/26–27/18 [HIGHLY RESTRICTED]

The Commission:

- asked for further work on the current designs and layout of key functions and offices to be brought back to the Commission, following greater engagement with the usual channels; and
- decided that any wider member and community engagement on temporary accommodation should not take place until the debates on the Costed Proposals Report have taken place in both Houses.

9. Review of Domestic Committees
C/26-27/19 [RESTRICTED]

The Commission:

- recommended to the House that the Finance and Performance Committee and Services Committee should become sub-committees of the Commission; and
- provided feedback and recommended the new Terms of Reference to the Finance and Performance Committee and Services Committee.

10. The Rotation Rule and the Commission: options for adjustment
C/26–27/20 [RESTRICTED]

The Commission agreed:

- to increase the ability of the backbench members to serve longer terms; and
- to support Option B (alignment with the Conduct Committee).

Any other business

The Commission noted the decision to appoint Baroness Scott of Bybrook as the Conservative Member of the House on the Steering Group for Change.

Alasdair Love
Secretary to the Commission

Raquel Fernández Vidal
Executive Officer to the Commission