

HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMISSION / MEC

**Monday 19 April 2021 at 10.00 am
Meeting in the Speaker's Office
and via Microsoft Teams**

Present:

The Speaker, in the Chair

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Valerie Vaz

Sir Charles Walker

Dame Rosie Winterton

Pete Wishart

Dr John Benger (Clerk of the House)

Ian Ailles (Director General)

Jane McCall (External member)

Dr Rima Makarem (External member)

DECISIONS

COMMISSION

1. REPORTS AND UPDATES

- a) TUS and Members' staff representatives update
- b) Covid update
- c) Written updates from the Administration, Finance and Audit Committees
- d) House Service update

The Commission took note of the updates.

Subject to endorsement by the Administration Committee, and in line with recent changes to Covid guidance, the Commission agreed to pilot an outside seating area serving drinks and food on the North Terrace.

The Commission reconfirmed the policy of not authorising any House-funded overseas travel by Members and staff during the pandemic. The policy will next be reviewed at its meeting on 17 May.

2. CONTINUED PRESENCE DURING RESTORATION AND RENEWAL

The Commission approved the requirements for maintaining a continued presence in the Palace of Westminster, during Restoration and Renewal, which will form part of the Sponsor Body's outline business case work.

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3. PAPERS TO NOTE

- **Forward Look**

- **Deliberations from 8 March 2021**
- **Deliberations from 15 March 2021**
- **Deliberations from 22 March 2021**

The Commission took note of the papers.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Commission/MEC will take place on Monday 17 May 2021 at 10.00 am in the Speaker's Study and via Microsoft Teams.