

HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMISSION / MEC

Monday 15 November 2021 at 10.00 am
Meeting in the Speaker's Study

Present:

The Speaker, in the Chair
Nick Brown
Thangam Debonnaire
Jacob Rees-Mogg
Sir Charles Walker
Pete Wishart
Dr John Benger (Clerk of the House)
Marianne Cwynarski (Director General (Operations))
Louise Wilson (External member) (via Teams/dial-in)

Apologies:

Mr Shrinivas Honap (External member)

DECISIONS

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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.

On the Covid update, the Commission agreed that the additional covid measures agreed on 1 November should remain in place until Wednesday 17 November, pending further advice from the UK Health Security Agency.

2. Archives Relocation Programme Update

The Commission endorsed the planned partnership with The National Archives, pending approval of the outline business case for the Archives Relocation Programme.

The Commission further agreed that the SRO should recommend to the R&R Sponsor Body that space be allocated for the return of a proportion or the entirety of the original Acts to the Victoria Tower post R&R, depending on the extent to which risks from fire, water, failure of environmental controls and security could be mitigated.

3. Independent review into financial management

The Commission endorsed the formation of an independent review into financial management.

4. Forward Programme

The Commission took note of the Forward Programme.

5. Restoration and Renewal Programme

The Commission:

- a. **Noted the assessment approach that will be used to select the scheme option that will be recommended in the Programme Business Case; and**
- b. **Endorsed the Benefit Principles that will be used to guide the development of the Programme Benefits Strategy.**

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6. Papers to note

The Commission took note of the following papers:

- **Restoration and Renewal: Sponsor Body Q2 report**
- **Quarterly Performance Report for Q2**
- **Deliberations from the meeting held on 18 October 2021**

7. Any other business

There was no other business.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Commission/MEC will take place on Monday 13 December 2021 at 10.00 am in the Speaker's Study.