

FINANCE COMMITTEE**Decisions from the meeting held on Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 12.30pm
in The Macmillan Room, Portcullis House**

Members present:
Nick Brown (Chair)

Harriett Baldwin	Marion Fellows
Mr Clive Betts	David Simmonds
Felicity Buchan	Mark Tami
Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Dame Rosie Winterton
Gareth Davies	

Apologies: Dame Eleanor Laing.

- 1) Informal Note and matters arising

The informal notes of the previous meeting would be circulated for the meeting on 23 November.

- 2) Parliamentary Security Department update

The Committee took note of the paper.

- 3) Independent review into financial management

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

- 4) Medium Term Financial Plan 2022–26

The Committee:

- a) **Noted that the initial draft resource cash budget for 2022–23 looked affordable against the remit agreed by the Commission of a 2% maximum increase, but that the MTFP was at an early stage and was subject to some updates arising from recent challenge meetings with teams and further assessment of the costing of risks and opportunities for the year ahead;**
- b) **Noted that it would be provided with advice on fees and charges at a second meeting in November;**
- c) **Agreed that the 1.25% employer National Insurance increase (for health and social care) should be treated as an exceptional adjustment to the baseline, consistent with how HM Treasury have treated this liability for government departments in the Autumn Budget and Spending Review; and**
- d) **Provided feedback on the overall shape of the draft budget proposals and on further details that it would like to see for the final version in December.**

- 5) Grants to Inter-Parliamentary Groups, the History of Parliament Trust and the Association of Former Members

The Committee:

- (a) **Held an initial discussion on the uprating of the grants to the inter-parliamentary groups;**
- (b) **Agreed its advice to the Commission on an additional funding request for CPA UK;**
- (c) **Agreed to recommend to the Commission that the grant to History of Parliament Trust remains flat for 2022–23 (the final year of the three-year agreement); and**
- (d) **Agreed to recommend to the Commission that the grants to the Association of Former Members, British Youth Council and Working for an MP are increased by a maximum of 2% for 2022–23.**

- 6) Any other business

There was no other business.

- 7) Date and time of next meeting

The next Committee meeting is Tuesday 23 November at 12.30 pm.