

## HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMISSION / MEC

Monday 24 January 2022 at 10.00 am  
Meeting in the Speaker's Study

### **Present:**

The Speaker, in the Chair  
Nickie Aiken  
Nick Brown  
Thangam Debbonaire  
Jacob Rees-Mogg  
Sir Charles Walker  
Dr John Benger (Clerk of the House)  
Marianne Cwynarski (Director General (Operations))  
Mr Shrinivas Honap (External member)  
Louise Wilson (External member)

### **Apologies:**

Pete Wishart

## DECISIONS

### COMMISSION/MEC

1. New Member – Declaration of Financial Interests

**The Commission welcomed Nickie Aiken and took note of her declared financial interests.**

### COMMISSION

2. Reports and updates

- a. Covid update

**The Commission took note of the update and agreed next steps in reducing restrictions on the estate, including reopening catering venues, restoring democratic access and restarting commercial tours. Banqueting would restart after the February recess. The Commission agreed that room capacity limits would continue to be in place on the estate until cases had fallen further and that passholders on the estate should be encouraged to continue to test and also to wear face coverings when moving around the estate or in enclosed spaces.**

3. Restoration and Renewal – User Requirements

**The Commission noted the paper and agreed that requirements should prioritise parliamentary proceedings in the Chamber and Committees and Members' office accommodation.**

4. Restoration and Renewal – Cost, Schedule and Continued Presence

**The Commission expressed concern about the cost and schedule presented in the initial assessment. It asked the Clerk to provide a paper considering potential next steps.**

#### **COMMISSION/MEC**

5. Any other business

**There was no other business.**

6. Date of next meeting

**The next meeting of the Commission/MEC will take place on Tuesday 1 February 2022 at 6.00 pm in the Speaker's Study.**