



JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE PALACE
OF WESTMINSTER



MINUTES

SESSION 2016-17

Monday 6 June 2016

Present:

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| Lord Carter of Coles | Chris Bryant |
| Baroness Smith of Basildon | Neil Gray |
| Baroness Stowell of Beeston (Co-Chairman) | Chris Grayling (Co-Chairman) |
| Lord Wallace of Tankerness | Ian Paisley |
| | Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg |
| | Mark Tami |

Also present: James Bulley, Specialist Adviser

Apologies were received from Lord Deighton and Lord Laming.

Baroness Stowell of Beeston in the Chair.

I. Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 13 June at 4.00pm]

Monday 13 June 2016

Present:

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| Lord Laming | Chris Bryant |
| Baroness Smith of Basildon | Neil Gray |
| Baroness Stowell of Beeston (Co-Chairman) | Chris Grayling (Co-Chairman) |
| Lord Wallace of Tankerness | Ian Paisley |
| | Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg |
| | Mark Tami |

Apologies were received from Lord Carter of Coles and Lord Deighton.

Chris Grayling in the Chair.

I. Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 June at 4.00pm]

Tuesday 28 June 2016

Present:

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| Lord Carter of Coles | Chris Bryant |
| Lord Deighton | Neil Gray |
| Baroness Smith of Basildon | Chris Grayling (Co-Chairman) |
| Baroness Stowell of Beeston (Co-Chairman) | Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg |
| Lord Wallace of Tankerness | Mark Tami |

Also present: James Bulley, Specialist Adviser

Apologies were received from Lord Laming and Ian Paisley.

Baroness Stowell of Beeston in the Chair.

I. Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 July at 4.00pm]

Monday 4 July 2016

Present:

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| Lord Carter of Coles | Chris Bryant |
| Lord Deighton | Neil Gray |
| Lord Laming | Chris Grayling (Co-Chairman) |
| Baroness Smith of Basildon | Ian Paisley |
| Baroness Stowell of Beeston (Co-Chairman) | Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg |
| Lord Wallace of Tankerness | Mark Tami |

Also present: James Bulley, Specialist Adviser

Chris Grayling in the Chair.

I. Private briefing on the governance of the Restoration and Renewal Programme

The Committee held an informal briefing with:

- Ian Ailles, Director General, House of Commons
- David Beamish, Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords
- Richard Ware, Programme Director

[Adjourned till Monday 11 July at 4.00pm]

Monday 11 July 2016

Present:

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| Lord Deighton | Chris Bryant |
| Lord Laming | Neil Gray |
| Baroness Smith of Basildon | Chris Grayling (Co-Chairman) |
| Baroness Stowell of Beeston (Co-Chairman) | Ian Paisley |
| Lord Wallace of Tankerness | Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg |
| | Mark Tami |

Apologies were received from Lord Carter of Coles.

Baroness Stowell of Beeston in the Chair.

I. Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 14 July at 9.00am]

Thursday 14 July 2016

Present:

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| Lord Carter of Coles | Chris Bryant |
| Lord Laming | Neil Gray |
| Baroness Stowell of Beeston (Co-Chairman) | Chris Grayling (Co-Chairman) |
| Lord Wallace of Tankerness | Ian Paisley |
| | Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg |
| | Mark Tami |

Also present: James Bulley, Specialist Adviser

Apologies were received from Lord Deighton and Baroness Smith of Basildon.

Chris Grayling in the Chair.

I. Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 18 July at 3.30pm]

Monday 18 July 2016

Present:

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| Lord Carter of Coles | Chris Bryant |
| Lord Laming | Neil Gray |
| Baroness Smith of Basildon | Chris Grayling (Co-Chairman) |
| Baroness Stowell of Beeston (Co-Chairman) | Ian Paisley |
| Lord Wallace of Tankerness | Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg |
| | Mark Tami |

Apologies were received from Lord Deighton.

Baroness Stowell of Beeston in the Chair.

I. Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 5 September at 4.00pm]

Monday 5 September 2016

Present:

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| Lord Carter of Coles | Chris Bryant |
| Lord Deighton | Neil Gray |
| Lord Laming | Chris Grayling (Co-Chairman) |
| Baroness Smith of Basildon | Ian Paisley |
| Baroness Stowell of Beeston (Co-Chairman) | Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg |
| Lord Wallace of Tankerness | Mark Tami |

Also present: James Bulley, Specialist Adviser

Baroness Stowell of Beeston in the Chair.

I. Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster

Draft Report (*Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster*), proposed by the Chairmen, brought up and read.

Question proposed, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Amendment proposed, to leave out from “That” to the end and add “the Joint Committee declines to consider a draft Report until it has given full consideration to the possibility of constructing a permanent new Parliamentary building, while finding an alternative future use for the Palace of Westminster; notes that this option was included in the Pre-Feasibility Study and Preliminary Strategic Business Case published in October 2012 but was rejected by the House of Commons Commission and the House of Lords House Committee at that stage; and resolves to apply the same rigorous scrutiny to the possible construction of a new Parliamentary building as it has applied to the other options for delivering the Restoration and Renewal Programme, before making a recommendation about the best option for carrying out the works.” — (*Neil Gray.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Contents, I
Neil Gray

Not-Contents, II
Chris Bryant
Lord Carter of Coles
Lord Deighton
Chris Grayling
Lord Laming
Ian Paisley
Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg
Baroness Smith of Basildon
Baroness Stowell of Beeston
Mark Tami
Lord Wallace of Tankerness

Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 318 read and agreed to.

Summary agreed to.

Appendices to the Report agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Report of the Committee to both Houses.

Ordered, That Baroness Stowell of Beeston make the Report to the House of Lords and Chris Grayling make the Report to the House of Commons.

Written evidence was ordered to be reported.

Ordered, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 134 of the House of Commons.

[The Committee adjourned *sine die*