



HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

DECISIONS

Wednesday 12 July 2017

ATTENDANCE

- Lord Speaker (Chairman)
- Baroness Doocey
- Baroness Evans of Bowes Park
- Liz Hewitt (external member)
- Lord Hope of Craighead
- Lord Laming
- Lord McFall of Alcluith
- Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall
- Lord Newby
- Baroness Smith of Basildon
- Lord Wakeham

Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments, was in attendance. Apologies were received from Mathew Duncan (external member).

1. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 28 JUNE

The Commission **agreed** the record of discussions from the meeting of the House of Lords Commission on 28 June.

2. FIRE SAFETY

Note from the Director General of the House of Commons
C/17-19/03 RESERVED

Ian Ailles, the Director General of the House of Commons and Senior Responsible Owner for R&R, presented his paper on Fire Safety (C/17-19/03 RESERVED).

The Commission **took note** of the paper.

3. UPDATE FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Presentation from Liz Hewitt, Chair of the Audit Committee
C/17-19/04 RESERVED

Liz Hewitt, Chair of the Audit Committee, gave an Audit Committee progress report presentation.

The Commission **took note** of the paper.

4. MEMBERS FINANCE SCHEME

Paper from Jonathan Smith, Head of Finance
C/17-19/05 RESERVED

Jonathan Smith, Head of Finance, presented his paper on proposed changes to the Members' Finance Scheme

The Commission **took note** of the paper and **agreed** three proposed changes:

- to agree that appearing as a witness before a committee does constitute a qualifying attendance;
- for the Peers in Schools programme, to agree that the Lord Speaker's Office is able to approve each travel expense request on their own merit after considering the locations, directness of route, duration and cost; and
- to agree to a pilot regarding Members being able to claim the Reduced Daily Allowance for work relating to the Education Service when the House is not sitting.

5. CYBER SECURITY UPDATE

Paper and presentation from Rob Grieg, Director of the Parliamentary Digital Service
C/17-19/06 RESERVED

Rob Grieg, Director of the Parliamentary Digital Service, and Paul Chichester, Director of Cyber Operations, National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), gave a presentation on Cyber Security.

The Commission **took note** of the paper and presentation.

6. COMMISSION FORWARD PLAN

The Commission **took note** of the forward plan.

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