



HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

Decisions

Wednesday 21 March 2018

ATTENDANCE

- Lord Speaker (Chairman)
- Baroness Doocey
- Baroness Evans of Bowes Park
- 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). Liz Hewitt (external member) participated by teleconference.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Commission agreed the record of discussion of the previous meeting on 21 February.

2. CHANGES TO THE SYSTEM OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS

Paper from The Rt Hon. Baroness Evans of Bowes Park, Leader of the House
C/17-19/30 RESERVED

After discussion, the Commission **agreed** to report to the House proposing that, from 1 April, the daily allowance and reduced daily allowance be increased on an annual basis in line with the annual IPSA determinations for increases to MPs' salaries.

3. CROSS-PARTY WORKING GROUP ON AN INDEPENDENT COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCE POLICY: PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP

Paper from The Rt Hon. Baroness Evans of Bowes Park, Leader of the House of Lords
C/17-19/31 RESERVED

The Lord Speaker **agreed** to write to the chairman of the Sub-Committee to explain the necessary information. Lord McFall of Alcluith also explained that the Commission would have to agree the Behaviour Code in due course. The Clerk of the Parliaments **agreed** to provide a summary of the various work streams and processes underway in this area.

The Commission **took note** of the Working Group's Report and the decision of the House of Commons on 28 February; **authorised** the Clerk of the Parliaments to expend staff time and resource working with the House of Commons Service on the workstreams authorised by the House of Commons on 28 February; and **referred** to the Sub-Committee on Lords Conduct the recommendations of the Working Group concerning the process for investigating and resolving complaints of bullying, harassment and sexual harassment against members and the appropriateness of the available sanctions, in order to implement the Working Group's recommendations in the House of Lords.

4. CYBER SECURITY UPDATE AND ASHTON REVIEW OF CYBER SECURITY

Cover Note from Tracey Jessup, Director of the Parliamentary Digital Service
Slideshow presentation from Steven Mark, Head of Cyber Security and Alex Wilson, Cyber Security Programme Manager
Paper from Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments, David Natzler, Clerk of the House of Commons and Ian Ailles, Director General of the House of Commons.
C/17-19/32 RESERVED

The Commission **took note**.

5. DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS ADMINISTRATION 2018/19

Paper from Jake Vaughan, Reading Clerk and Head of Corporate Services
C/17-19/33 RESERVED

The Commission **agreed** the draft Business Plan after amendment.

6. USE OF BODY-WORN VIDEO BY POLICE OFFICERS ON THE PARLIAMENTARY ESTATE

Paper from Fay Tennet, Deputy Director of Security (Operations) for Parliament
C/17-19/34 RESERVED

The Commission **took note** of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Metropolitan Police Service.

7. GENDER-SENSITIVE PARLIAMENT AUDIT

Paper from Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments
C/17-19/35 RESERVED

The Commission **took note**.

8. UPDATE ON THE HOUSE OF LORDS ADMINISTRATION

Paper from Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments
C/17-19/36 RESERVED

The Commission **took note**.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Lord Speaker informed the Commission that he had received a letter from Lord Balfe and Baroness Ramsay of Cartvale requesting a review of certain rules relating to financial support for members. The Clerk of the Parliaments **agreed** to bring a paper to the Commission in due course.

The Commission also **agreed** that the members of the House who would eventually sit on the R&R Shadow Sponsor Board would be entitled to claim the full daily allowance on the days they attended formal meetings of the Shadow Sponsor Board.

21 March 2018

Patrick Milner
Secretary to the Commission