



HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

Decisions

Monday 5 November 2018

Attendance

- Lord Speaker (Chairman)
- Baroness Doocey
- Mathew Duncan (external member)
- 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.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Commission **agreed** the record of discussion of the previous meeting of the House of Lords Commission on 11 September 2018.

2. Bullying and Harassment

Paper from Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments
C/17-19/63 RESERVED

The Commission **agreed** to approve the establishment of an independent inquiry into bullying and harassment in the House of Lords as proposed.

3. Revision of the Guide for Members of the Delegations

Paper from Matthew Hamlyn, Principal Clerk, Overseas Office, House of Commons
C/17-19/64 RESERVED

The Commission **agreed** the 19 proposed changes to the *Guide for Members of the Delegations* and noted that the new edition of the *Guide* would be circulated to all delegation members and published on the Parliament website.

4. Update on the House of Lords Administration

Paper from Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments
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The Commission **took note** of the paper.

5. Any Other Business

The Lord Speaker raised the matter of the Pugin Room and said that the recent changes to access rules had been agreed by the House of Commons Administration Committee without any prior-consultation with the House of Lords. Lord Laming, the Chairman of the Services Committee, agreed to communicate the feelings expressed by Commission members to Sir Paul Beresford MP, Chairman of the House of Commons Administration Committee.

The refurbishment of Fielden House was discussed, and Baroness Doocey, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that she had been examining the works and that she would update the Commission on the progress of the project in due course.

The Lord Speaker informed the Commission that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 5 December at 10.30am in his Room. [This meeting was subsequently cancelled].

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