



HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

Decisions

Tuesday 18 December 2018

Attendance

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

Liz Hewitt (external member) participated by telephone conference. 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 5 November 2018.

2. Medium Term Financial Plan and 2018-19 Forecast Outturn and Supplementary Estimate

Paper from Mostaque Ahmed, Director of Finance and Jonathan Smith, Head of Finance C/17-19/66 RESERVED & CONFIDENTIAL.

The Commission **agreed** that the new Managing Director of Strategic Estates should be invited to the February Commission meeting to discuss their forward plan and strategy.

The Commission **approved** the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2019/20 to 2021/22.

The Commission **noted** the forecast outturn for 2018-19 and **agreed** the Supplementary Estimate, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

3. 2018 Gender-Sensitive Parliament Audit

Paper from Dominique Gracia and Sarah Petit, Secretaries to the Gender-Sensitive Parliament Audit Panel and co-presented by Baroness Thornton, Audit Panel member
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The Commission **took note** of the report.

The Commission **agreed** to publish a news story welcoming the Report on Thursday 20 December. The Commission **agreed** to provide a full response on behalf of the House in the spring.

4. History of Parliament Trust: budget proposal and Business Plan

Paper from Mostaque Ahmed, Director of Finance and Business Plan from HPT Trustees
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After a brief discussion the Commission **decided** to defer this paper to the January meeting.

5. Security Programme and Murphy Review Update

Paper from Eric Hepburn, Director of Security of Parliament, Fay Tennet, Deputy Director of Security and Ian Dougal, Head of Security Projects
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The Commission **took note** of the paper.

6. 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.

7. Any Other Business

The Commission **noted** the appointment of Naomi Ellenbogen QC, **noted** the terms of reference and **noted** that the independent Inquiry would be launched the following day.

The Commission discussed the recent decision of the House in respect of the Privileges and Conduct Committee case concerning Lord Lester of Herne Hill. After discussion, the Commission **decided** to rescind his access privileges as a member who had resigned from the House under section 1 of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 with immediate effect until 3 June 2022.

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