



HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

Decisions

Wednesday 23 January 2019

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 18 December 2018.

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

Paper from Mostaque Ahmed, Director of Finance, and Business Plan from the History of Parliament Trustees

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The Commission **agreed** to reduce the grant funding by the House of Lords to the Trust by 5% for the financial year 2019/2020 and **agreed** to revisit the matter later in the year. The Commission **requested** a further paper from the HPT outlining the steps they are taking to reduce their overheads and expenditure and secure external sources of funding.

3. Financial Support for Members of the House of Lords (for discussion)

Letter from Lord Foulkes of Cumnock to the Lord Speaker

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The Commission **requested** a scoping paper which would outline the options for modest changes to the current scheme to address the disparity between the expenses incurred by members who require accommodation when attending the House and those who do not.

4. Update on the Independent Inquiry into bullying and harassment in the House of Lords being conducted by Naomi Ellenbogen QC

Oral update from Liz Hewitt and Mathew Duncan, External Members of the House of Lords Commission

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The Commission **took note**.

5. Update on the House of Lords Administration

Paper from Ed Ollard, Clerk of the Parliaments

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The Commission **took note**.

6. Any Other Business

The next meeting would take place on Wednesday 13 February at 10.30am in the Lord Speaker's Room.

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