



HOUSE OF LORDS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Wednesday 28 June 2017

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. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Lord Speaker welcomed the members of the Commission to the first meeting of the new Parliament and explained that the formal appointment motion had been taken in the chamber yesterday afternoon. He introduced the new external member of the Commission, Mathew Duncan, who explained the main features of his professional background. Mr Duncan thanked the other members of the Commission for their welcome.

2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS ON 28 MARCH AND 29 MARCH

The Commission **agreed** the record of discussions from the meeting of the House of Lords Commission on 28 March and the joint meeting of House of Commons Commission and House of Lords Commission on 29 March.

3. REAPPOINTMENT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Lord Speaker presented his paper on the reappointment of the Audit Committee (C/17-18/01 RESERVED). The reappointment of the Audit Committee was agreed with an amendment to the terms of reference which replaced the reference to the House Committee with a reference to the House of Lords Commission. The Lord Speaker thanked Liz Hewitt, the chair of the Audit Committee, for her work.

4. CLIENT ADVISORY SERVICES (CAS) CONTRACTS

Ian Ailles, the Director General of the House of Commons and Senior Responsible Owner for R&R, presented his paper on the CAS Contracts (C/17–18/02 RESERVED).

[More information – Restricted Access]

After discussion and subject to the agreement of the House of Commons Commission, the Commission **agreed** to let the CAS contracts.

5. CYBER ATTACK UPDATE

Rob Grieg, the Director of the Parliamentary Digital Service (PDS) provided an update on the recent cyber-attack. He was accompanied by Paul Chichester, Director of Cyber Operations at the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC).

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Commission members thanked Mr Grieg and the PDS for their efforts in ensuring that operation of both Chambers had continued and that disruption had been minimised. Mr Grieg also agreed to brief all the political parties and groups on the subject of cyber security.

6. COMMISSION FORWARD PLAN

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

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A question was asked about the externally commissioned review into the security of Parliament's perimeter, also known as the perimeter review, which has been carried out by Sir Jon Murphy.

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The Lord Speaker informed the Commission that the next meeting would be on **Wednesday 12 July at 10.30 am in Committee Room 3a.**

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