



HOUSE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

17 December 2013

Present:

L. Alderdice
L. Campbell-Savours
L. Cope of Berkeley
B. D'Souza (Chairman)
L. Hill of Oareford
L. Laming
B. Royall of Blaisdon
B. McDonagh
L. Sewel
L. Stirrup
L. True

together with the Clerk of the Parliaments.

Apologies were received from L. Wallace of Tankerness.

Also present: Benet Hiscock (Director of Public Information), David Leakey (Black Rod), Andrew Makower (Finance Director), Paul Martin (Parliamentary Security Director), Tom Mohan (Head of Human Resources), Richard Ware (Programme Director for Palace of Westminster Restoration and Renewal) and Carl Woodall (Director of Facilities).

1. MINUTES OF THE 6th AND 7th MEETINGS

The Committee *agreed* the minutes of the 6th and 7th meetings.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 6th AND 7th MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 6th and 7th meetings.

3. SECURITY UPDATE

The Parliamentary Security Director presented his paper (H/13-14/29) RESERVED.

Following discussion, the Committee *took note* of the contents of the paper.

4. FORECAST OUTTURN AND FINANCIAL PLAN

The Finance Director presented his memorandum (H/13–14/32) RESERVED.

Following discussion, the Committee *agreed* the Forecast Outturn and Financial Plan and the proposal for a Supplementary Estimate.

5. AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Clerk of the Parliaments presented his memorandum ([H/13–14/33](#)).

The Committee *agreed* the appointment of Lord Carter of Coles to the Audit Committee providing he was not also appointed to the Refreshment Committee as this would contravene the rule set out in paragraph 11.77 of the *Companion to the Standing Orders* that Audit Committee members shall not sit on any other domestic committees.

6. CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTS' BRIEFING

The Clerk of the Parliaments presented his memorandum ([H/13–14/34](#)).

Richard Ware, Programme Director for Palace of Westminster Restoration and Renewal, answered questions on the awarding of the contract for the Independent Options Appraisal as announced in a written statement by the Chairman of Committee and John Thurso MP (HL Deb, 17 December 2013, col WS135).

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee commended the Leader's statement in the House concerning members' conduct (HL Deb, 17 December 2013, cols 1142–43).

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