



CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 1st Meeting, held at 10.15am on Wednesday, 20 May

Present: Baroness Laing of Elderslie (Chair)
Lord Beith
Lord Bellamy
Lord Bichard
Lord Burnett of Maldon
Lord Griffiths of Burry Port
Baroness Hamwee
Lord Murphy of Torfaen
Lord Waldegrave of North Hill

Advisers in attendance: Professor Roger Masterman (legal adviser)
Professor Stephen Tierney (legal adviser)

1. Apologies and notices

Apologies were received from Lord Cryer and Lord Jones of Penybont.

Baroness Laing of Elderslie took the Chair, following her appointment as Chair by the House.

2. Update on Chair of the Constitution Committee

The Committee considered a note by the Clerk (**CC/26-27/01**) and agreed that Lord Strathclyde should be invited to attend Committee meetings as an observer and to receive Committee papers pending his formal reappointment to the Committee and as Chair.

3. Reappointment of the Committee's Legal Advisers

The Committee considered a note by the Clerk (**CC/26-27/02**) and agreed to reappoint Professor Roger Masterman and Professor Stephen Tierney as Legal Advisers for the 2026-27 session.

4. Scoping discussion on potential future work

The Committee considered a note by the Policy Analyst regarding a longlist of potential future inquiry topics (**CC/26-27/03**). The Committee agreed to hold a further scoping discussion at a forthcoming meeting.

5. Any other business

The Committee considered its forward work programme (**CC/26-27/04**).

6. Next meeting

The Committee would next meet on 3 June 2026 at 10.00am in committee room 2.

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