



NUMERACY FOR LIFE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 1st Meeting, held at 10.45 am on Thursday, 4 June 2026

Present: Lord Agnew of Oulton (Chair)
Baroness Alexander of Clevedon
Lord Blackwell
Baroness Bull
Baroness Garden of Frognal
Baroness Hamwee
Lord Hannett of Everton
Lord Massey of Hampstead
Baroness Spielman
Lord Stevenson of Balmacara

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Membership, and new life peerages

The Committee discussed its membership.

3. Numeracy for Life: oral evidence

Panel 1

At 10.50 am the Committee heard evidence from:

- **Kate Ambrosi** — CEO, Baker Dearing Educational Trust
- **Lord Baker** — Life President and Director, Baker Dearing Educational Trust
- **Sarah Waite** — Founder & CEO, Get Further

A full transcript was taken

Panel 2

At 11:50 am, the Committee heard evidence from:

- **Prof Brian Butterworth** — Emeritus Professor of Cognitive Neuropsychology, University College London (UCL)
- **Prof Camilla Gilmore** — Professor of Mathematical Cognition, Loughborough University, and Director, ESRC Centre for Early Mathematics Learning
- **Prof Jo Van Herwegen** — Professor of Developmental Psychology and Education, UCL Institute of Education

A full transcript was taken.

4. Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered its forward work programme.

5. Written evidence

The Committee **agreed** written evidence submissions NUM0001-NUM0066 for publication.

6. Minutes of meeting of 23 April 2026

The Committee **agreed** the minutes of their eighth meeting of the 2024 – '26 session of Parliament.

7. Any other business

There was no other business.

8. Date of next meeting

The Committee would next meet on 11 June 2026 at 10.45am.

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