



MINUTES

Session 2026-27

NORTHERN IRELAND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 4th Meeting, held at 10:30am on Wednesday, 17 June 2026

Present: Lord Carlile of Berriew
Lord Dodds of Duncairn
Lord Elliott of Ballinamallard
Baroness Goudie
Baroness Ludford
Baroness O'Loan
Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick
Baroness Sanderson of Welton
Lord Thomas of Gresford

Adviser in attendance: Mr Tim Mitchell (Counsel for European Law)

1. Apologies and notices

Apologies were received from Baroness Foster of Aghadrumsee, Lord Hain and Lord Lexden.

2. Inquiry on Article 2 of the Protocol/Windsor Framework

At 10:45am, the Committee heard evidence from:

- Geraldine McGahey, Chief Commissioner, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland
- Louise Conlon, Chief Executive, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

A full transcript was taken.

The Committee *formally accepted* written submissions from Dr Austen Morgan (ART0001) and Professor Colin Murray (ART0002) as evidence.

The Committee *agreed* to visit Belfast on 16-17 September, as part of its inquiry.

3. Forward work programme

The Committee *considered* its forward work programme.

4. EU legislative scrutiny within the scope of the Windsor Framework: New items of scrutiny, Chair's sift, No 16, 10 June 2026

The Committee *agreed* draft letters to Ministers for the following EMs:

- a) C(2026) 864 and C(2026) 1811
- b) C(2026) 1808, *with an amendment*

5. Date of next meeting

The Committee will next meet on 24 June at 10:30am in committee room 3.

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