



MINUTES

Session 2026–27

COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 1st Meeting, held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 2 June 2026

Present: Baroness Caine of Kentish Town
Baroness Elliott of Whitburn Bay
Baroness Keeley (Chair)
Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate
Lord Knight of Weymouth
Lord McNally
Baroness Owen of Alderley Edge
Lord Storey
Lord Tarassenko

1. Apologies and notices

Apologies were received from Baroness Fleet, Lord Holmes of Richmond and The Lord Bishop of Winchester.

The Chair noted that the proposal that Viscount Colville of Culross should be invited to attend private meetings, and to receive circulations, between now and his formal reappointment to the Committee had been agreed by correspondence.

2. AI and copyright: Government response

The Committee took note of the Government response to its report ‘AI, copyright and the creative industries’ and the associated paper by the Clerk and Policy Analyst (SCC/26-27/002).

3. Forward work programme

The Committee considered its forward work programme (SCC/26-27/003).

4. BBC Charter Renewal: oral evidence

At 2.30 pm the Committee heard evidence from:

- Gill Hind, Managing Director, Media, Enders Analysis
- Professor Catherine Johnson, Professor of Media and Communication, University of Leeds
- Chris Waiting, Co-Founder, The British Broadcasting Challenge and Chief Executive Officer, The Conversation

At 3.30 pm the Committee heard evidence from:

- David Abraham, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Wonderhood Studios
- Jane Tranter, Chief Executive Officer, Bad Wolf
- Nigel Warner, Chief Executive Officer, Pact

Full transcripts were taken.

5. Date of next meeting

The Committee would next meet on Tuesday 9 June at 2.00 pm in committee room tbc.

4 June 2026