



MINUTES

Session 2026-27

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 6th Meeting, held at 10.15am on Wednesday, 1 July

Present: Lord Strathclyde (Chair)
Lord Beith
Lord Bellamy
Lord Bichard
Lord Cryer
Lord Griffiths of Burry Port
Baroness Hamwee
Baroness Laing of Elderslie
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 Burnett of Maldon and Lord Jones of Penybont.

2. New inquiry on 'The vulnerabilities of the UK constitution'

The Committee considered the note by the Policy Analyst and agreed to take forward as a priority a focussed inquiry into the role of the UK constitutional guardians. Members agreed to commence hearing oral evidence at the 15 July meeting.

3. Legislative Scrutiny

The Committee considered the draft report on the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill (**CC/26-27/18**) and agreed the report, with amendments.

The Committee also considered a note by the Legal Adviser regarding the Armed Forces Bill (**CC/LS/26-27/10**) and agreed to clear the Bill from scrutiny.

4. Government response to the Committee's policy letter on the Review of the UK-Overseas Territories Joint Declaration

The Committee considered agreed to write a letter in response to the Government's response to the 'Review of the UK-Overseas Territories Joint Declaration' policy letter. A draft letter will be considered by the Committee at the next meeting.

5. Any other business

The Committee considered its forward work programme (**CC/26-27/21**)

6. Date of next meeting

The Committee would next meet on 15 July 2026 at 10.15am in Committee room 2.

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