



COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 5th Meeting, held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 7 July 2026

Present: Baroness Caine of Kentish Town
Viscount Colville of Culross
Baroness Elliott of Whitburn Bay
Baroness Fleet
Baroness Keeley (Chair)
Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate
Lord Knight of Weymouth
Baroness Owen of Alderley Edge
Lord Tarassenko

1. Apologies and notices

Apologies were received from Lord Holmes of Richmond, Lord McNally, Lord Storey and The Lord Bishop of Winchester.

2. SLAPPs: response to the Chair's letter to Rt Hon David Lammy MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, Ministry of Justice

The Committee took note of the response received from Sarah Sackman KC MP, Minister for Courts and Legal Services, Ministry of Justice, to the Chair's letter of 16 June regarding Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs).

3. Sky's acquisition of ITV Media and Entertainment

The Committee took note of the announcement on 6 July of Sky's proposed acquisition of ITV Media and Entertainment.

4. Online Safety Act: initial proposals for inquiry scope and focus

The Committee discussed the proposals set out in the note by the clerk and policy analyst (SCC/26-27/013). A full inquiry plan and draft call for evidence will be circulated for consideration at the meeting on 21 July.

5. BBC Charter renewal: stocktake discussion

The Committee discussed the note by the policy analyst (SCC/26-27/014) and key themes from its oral evidence sessions on BBC Charter renewal.

6. Date of next meeting

The Committee would next meet on Wednesday 15 July at 11.00 am in a committee room tbc.

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