



MINUTES

Session 2026–27

COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 6th Meeting, held at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 15 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
Lord McNally
Baroness Owen of Alderley Edge
Lord Storey
Lord Tarassenko

1. Apologies and notices

Apologies were received from Lord Holmes of Richmond and the Lord Bishop of Winchester.

2. Competition and Markets Authority: correspondence

The Committee took note of the letter received from Sarah Cardell, Chief Executive Officer, Competition and Markets Authority in response to the Chair's letter of 17 June.

3. Online Safety Act: updates

The Committee took note of updates relating to the Online Safety Act announced by Ofcom the previous week.

4. BBC Charter renewal: oral evidence

At 11.30 am the Committee heard evidence from:

- Matt Brittin, Director General, BBC
- Dr Samir Shah CBE, Chair, BBC

A full transcript was taken.

The following members declared relevant interests:

Viscount Colville of Culross, Producer, BBC (1987–2016)

5. Date of next meeting

The Committee would next meet on Tuesday 21 July at 2.00 pm in a committee room tbc.

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