



MINUTES

Session 2026-27

Environment and Climate Change Committee

Minutes of the 9th Meeting, held at 09.45am on Wednesday 9 September 2026

Present:

- Baroness Coffey
- Lord Jay of Ewelme
- Baroness McIntosh of Pickering
- Baroness Rafferty
- Lord Redwood
- Lord Rooker
- Earl Russell
- Baroness Sheehan (*Chair*)
- Lord Trees
- Baroness Whitaker

1. Apologies and notices

Apologies were received from Lord Ashcombe, Lord Krebs and Lord Lennie.

2. One-off public oral evidence session: Office for Environmental Protection

The Committee took evidence from:

- Dame Helen Ghosh, Chair, Office for Environmental Protection
- Natalie Prosser, CEO, Office for Environmental Protection

Associated documents

- Briefing note (**ECC/26-27/024**)

3. Dunkelflaute inquiry: Consideration of draft ‘call for evidence’

- Draft Call for evidence (ECC/26-27/025)

The Committee agreed amendments to the draft Call for Evidence and for agreement, by correspondence, to its publication.

4. Government response to the drought preparedness report

- Summary note of Government response

The Committee took note of the summary paper.

5. Any other business (AOB)

The Committee approved the minutes of the 8th Meeting of the 2026-27 session.

The Committee considered its forward work programme (**ECC/26-27/026**).

The Committee took note of the letter from the Committee on Fuel Poverty on the Annual Report 2026.

The Committee discussed correspondence relating to published written evidence and agreed to respond.