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All-Party Parliamentary Group for 'left behind' neighbourhoods

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held online by Zoom at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 20th July 2021

Present:

Paul Howell MP, Dame Diana Johnson MP DBE, Jack Brereton MP, Christian Wakeford MP, Baroness Verma of Leicester, Baroness Eaton DBE DL, Lord Wallace of Saltaire, Baroness Lister

In attendance:

Parliamentary staff; Local Trust staff, secretariat to the APPG

The APPG co-chairs Paul Howell MP and Dame Diana Johnson DBE MP opened the AGM, thanking the members present, noting the apologies of members unable to attend and observing the success to date of the APPG.

1. Agreement of minutes of the February 2021 EGM of the APPG (draft minutes previously circulated)

Decision: the minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the EGM.

2. Election of APPG co-chairs

Decision: Paul Howell MP and Dame Diana Johnson DBE MP were unanimously re-elected as co-chairs.

3. Election of APPG officers

Decisions: It was suggested and approved unanimously by members present that the current serving APPG vice-chairs and Officer positions be re-elected en masse:

Vice-Chair: Nicola Richards, Conservative MP for West Bromwich East

Vice-Chair: Judith Cummins, Labour MP for Bradford South

Officer: Jack Brereton, Conservative MP Stoke on Trent South

Officer: Sharon Hodgson, Labour MP for Washington & Sunderland West

Officer: Ian Levy, Conservative MP for Blyth Valley

Officer: Emma Lewell-Buck Labour MP for South Shields

Following an expression of interest, two new APPG Officers were elected unanimously: Dr Kieran Mullan Conservative MP for Nantwich and Crewe, and Karin Smyth Labour MP for Bristol South.

4. Election of Local Trust as secretariat to the APPG

Decision: members unanimously re-elected Local Trust as secretariat to the APPG

5. Income and Expenditure statement (previously circulated)

Decision: members unanimously approved the 2020-21 Income and Expenditure statement for the APPG

6. AOB

Members had the opportunity to raise issues of relevance to the APPG.

7. Dates of next meetings



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14th September, with an evidence session on climate change

19th October, with a Deep Dive on funding gaps in 'left behind' neighbourhoods

30th November, with an evidence session on liveability and quality of life in 'left behind' neighbourhoods.

It was proposed that in order to enable more members to participate in APPG meetings, in future some sessions would be held at other times, eg Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, in addition to meetings on Tuesday slots.

The co-chairs closed the meeting with an update on the pipeline of APPG reports, the planned parliamentary reception in the autumn, and thanked members for their support and attendance.