



Left
Behind
Neighbourhoods

All-Party Parliamentary Group for 'left behind' neighbourhoods

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Room N, Portcullis House, 4pm on Wednesday 12th October 2022

Present:

Paul Howell MP, Dame Diana Johnson DBE MP, Andrew Lewer MBE MP, Baroness Hayman of Ullock, Sally-Ann Hart MP, Jack Brereton MP, Mike Amesbury MP, Matt Western MP, Dr Kieran Mullan MP.

In attendance:

Parliamentary staff; Daniel Crowe, Tilly Steward, Sarah Stearne from Local Trust, secretariat to the APPG.

The APPG co-chairs Paul Howell MP and Dame Diana Johnson 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 and the genuine cross-party nature of the group and its work.

1. Election of APPG co-chairs

Daniel Crowe, Local Trust took the chair for this item, with Sally-Ann Hart MP nominating and Andrew Lewer MP seconding the re-election of Paul Howell MP and Dame Diana Johnson MP as co-chairs of the APPG.

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

2. Election of APPG officers

Decisions: It was suggested and approved unanimously by members present that the following vice-chair and officer positions be elected en masse:

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

Vice-Chair: Dr Kieran Mullan, Conservative MP for Nantwich and Crewe

Vice-Chair: Emma Hardy, Labour MP for Hull West and Hessle

Vice-Chair: Sharon Hodgson, Labour MP for Washington and Sunderland West

Vice-Chair: Alexander Stafford, Conservative MP for Rother Valley

Officer: Jack Brereton, Conservative MP Stoke-on-Trent South

Officer: Ian Levy, Conservative MP for Blyth Valley

Officer: Karin Smyth, Labour MP for Bristol South

Officer: Mick Whitley, Labour MP for Birkenhead

Officer: Jo Gideon, Conservative MP for Stoke-on-Trent Central

Officer: Lord Khan of Burnley, Labour peer

Officer: Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbots CBE, Conservative peer

Officer: Baroness Hayman of Ullock, Labour peer

Officer: Andrew Lewer MBE, Conservative MP for Northampton South

Officer: Sally-Ann Hart, Conservative MP for Hastings and Rye

Officer: Gary Sambrook, Conservative MP for Birmingham, Northfield

Officer: Mike Amesbury, Labour MP for Weaver Vale

3. Election of Local Trust as secretariat to the APPG

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



4. Income and Expenditure statement (previously circulated)

Decision: members unanimously approved the APPG's 2021-22 Income and Expenditure statement.

5. AOB

Members had the opportunity to raise issues of relevance to the APPG. Members noted the good progress made in the APPG's inquiry into levelling up, the group's cross-party working and the recent success in ensuring that the Community Wealth Fund featured as a new potential beneficiary in the government's dormant assets consultation.

6. Dates of next meetings

- Wednesday 30 November, 3-5pm (rescheduled inquiry session 3: housing, crime and pride in place)
- Inquiry's final session 4 now to be held in the New Year, 24 January 2023, 3-5pm
- St George's House consultation (24-hour residential: lunchtime to lunchtime) Windsor Castle, 27-28 February 2023

The co-chairs closed the meeting, thanking members for their participation and commitment to working to support investment and 'left behind' areas.