



Left
Behind
Neighbourhoods

All-Party Parliamentary Group for 'left behind' neighbourhoods Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Meeting held in Room P, Portcullis House
Tuesday 11 July 2023, 2.30pm

Present:

Paul Howell MP, Paulette Hamilton MP, Jo Gideon MP, Ian Levy MP, Ashley Dalton MP, Jack Brereton MP, Mike Amesbury MP, Eddie Hughes MP, Dr Kieran Mullan MP, Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbots CBE.

In attendance:

Parliamentary staff; Daniel Crowe, Tilly Steward and Nick Beall from Local Trust (secretariat to the APPG).

APPG co-chair Paul Howell MP opened the AGM, thanking the members present, noting apologies of members unable to attend.

1. Election of APPG co-chairs

Tilly Steward, Local Trust took the chair for this item.

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

2. Election of APPG officers

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

Vice-chair: Jack Brereton, Conservative MP for Stoke-on-Trent South

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

Vice-chair: Paulette Hamilton, Labour MP for Birmingham, Erdington

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

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

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

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

Vice-chair: Baroness Armstrong of Hill Top, Labour peer

Officer: Mike Amesbury, Labour MP for Weaver Vale

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

Officer: Eddie Hughes, Conservative MP for Walsall North

Officer: Ian Levy, Conservative MP for Blyth Valley

Officer: Andrew Lewer, Conservative MP for Northampton South

Officer: Karin Smyth, Labour MP for Bristol South

Officer: Lord Glasman, Labour peer

Officer: Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbots CBE, Conservative Peer

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 2022-23 Income and Expenditure statement.

5. Update on current work and activities of the APPG

Members received a brief update on the APPG's inquiry into levelling up. The APPG heard from 21 expert witnesses as part of its inquiry sessions in Parliament, received 45 evidence submissions from across civil society, universities and think tanks, local government and the third sector, and held three workshops to test emerging policy principles. The final report from the inquiry is in the latter stages of drafting, with its launch and parliamentary reception planned for after Summer recess and conference season.

Members also discussed progress on the Community Wealth Fund (CWF) campaign, reflecting on the positive news that community wealth funds have been named as a new cause for dormant assets funding in England, and the APPG's special session on the CWF in May. Government will soon be launching a technical consultation to seek further views on the design and delivery of the Fund.

6. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 8 November on arts, sport and culture-led regeneration.

Paul Howell MP closed the meeting, thanking members for their participation.