

APPG on Migration Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 27th February 2024 1.45pm - 2pm

Minutes

Attendance

1. David Simmonds MP (Chair)
2. Bishop of Chelmsford
3. Baroness Lister of Burtersett (Vice Chair)
4. Stephen Kinnock MP
5. James Daly MP

Welcome and Attendance

David Simmonds welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, declaring it quorate. Apologies were passed on from Tim Farron MP, Olivia Blake MP, Stephen Timms MP and Lord German.

Approval of income and expenditure statement

The Chair drew attention to the income and expenditure statement which was circulated in advance of the meeting. All present agreed that they were satisfied with the APPG's income and expenditure statement.

Annual activity report and future plans

The Chair drew attention to the annual activity report which was circulated in advance of the meeting. Activity had included a delegation visiting the National Assembly and UK Embassy in Paris to discuss migration policy; a joint event on the Brook House Inquiry with the APPG on Immigration Detention; and the ongoing joint inquiry with the APPG on Poverty into the impact of immigration policies on poverty in the UK.

The Chair also drew attention to the proposals circulated for future activity which was then discussed. Members agreed that a roundtable discussion with the former Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration, David Neal, could be useful if he would be willing. And Baroness Lister that it could be useful to do a joint event on student visas with the APPG on International Students or the APPG on Universities. David Simmonds also suggested that hearing from a Immigration Tribunal Judge could be interesting.

All Officers and members approved the statement of activity conducted in the past year and shared comments on proposals for activity for the year ahead.

David Simmonds asked the Secretariat to provide a summary of the new rules for APPGs and our plans to ensure compliance, which was provided and agreed.

Election of Officers

From 1st April all APPGs need to have four registered officers (and no more), including at least one from the governing party and at least one from the main opposition party. At least two officers must be from the Commons.

Those present then voted and elected officers as follows:

- David Simmonds MP (Co-Chair)
- Olivia Blake MP (Co-Chair)
- Tim Farron MP

- Baroness Ruth Lister
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