ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

AGM of the APPG on Local Government

Minutes

Tuesday 17 March, 18:00-19:00 | Room N, Portcullis House

Attendees/ APPG group members

Members present

1. Clive Betts MP
2. Zoe Franklin MP
3. Matt Turmaine MP
4. Martin Vickers MP
5. Chris Kane MP
6. Jonathan Brash MP
7. Lord Colgrain
8. Lord Best

Members not present

- Iqbal Mohamed MP
- Jim Dickson MP
- Lee Dillon MP
- Lord Inglewood
- Lord Naseby
- Lord Porter
- Michael Payne MP
- Paulette Hamilton MP
- Rachel Hopkins MP
- Shaun Davies MP
- Will Forster MP

External stakeholders present

- Jen Pufky, Local Government Information Unit (Group secretariat)

2026 Officers

1. Chair - Clive Betts MP (Labour)
2. Vice-Chair - Simon Hoare MP (Conservative)
3. Vice-Chair - Paulette Hamilton MP (Labour)
4. Vice-Chair - Zoe Franklin MP (Liberal Democrats)

Meeting summary

Welcome and introduction

Current APPG Chair Clive Betts MP opened the meeting and handed it over to Desmond Swayne MP as the independent chair for the AGM.

As the externally appointed Chair he stated to the group that it is the responsibility of the Chair and officers of the APPG to ensure that the required papers (income and expenditure statements, annual reports and a due diligence statement on foreign governments) have been prepared in accordance with the APPG Rules and the Guide to the APPG rules published by the Committee on Standards.

He then confirmed that the meeting was quorate and proceeded with the election of officers.

Election of APPG Officers

Clives Betts MP was nominated and confirmed to serve as Chair of the APPG once again.

Members not present Simon Hoare MP and Paulette Hamilton MP were nominated from the floor to serve once again as Vice-Chairs and that was confirmed by the members in attendance.

Zoe Franklin MP was nominated and confirmed as fourth and final officer for the group from the coming year.

Confirmation of supportive materials for the APPG

The independent Chair then presented the income and expenditure statement prepared by the Group which was then approved.

Additionally the annual report was presented and approved by the members present.

Finally the due diligence statement was presented and read out and approved by attendees.

Q&A and discussion led by the newly elected Chair, Clive Betts MP

As newly appointed Chair Clive Betts MP then confirmed that dates would be forthcoming for members to join the first inquiry sessions for the Group's inquiry into fiscal devolution.

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