



The All Party Parliamentary Group  
on  
**POVERTY**

### **APPG on Poverty Inaugural Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday 11 October 2017, 14:00 – 15:00, Room R, Portcullis House

#### **Present:**

Co-Chair - Kevin Hollinrake (Con)  
Co-Chair - Neil Gray (SNP)  
Vice Chair - Baroness Lister (Lab)  
Vice Chair - Heidi Allen (Con)  
Secretary - Patricia Gibson (SNP)  
Officer - Alan Mak (SNP)  
Officer - Baroness Healy (Lab)  
Officer - Lord Rooker (Lab)

#### **Apologies for absence:**

Secretary - Roger Godsiff

**Election of Officers:** Kevin Hollinrake MP was re-appointed Chair and suggested that he and Neil Gray MP become Co Chairs. Baroness Lister was re-appointed as Vice-Chairs and Heidi Allen MP was appointed as Vice-Chair. Roger Godsiff MP was appointed as Secretary, in accordance with his wishes expressed in advance of the meeting.

Kevin Hollinrake MP remains the primary contact for the Group.

**Finances 2016/17:** The APPG on Poverty has not received any income nor has it made any expenditure. The value of benefits received in kind from the Webb Memorial Trust is £9,001 £10,500. This covers the costs of the secretariat, refreshments at events and the APPG's website.

**Poverty Premium: next steps:** It was agreed that the APPG would undertake an inquiry into the 'Poverty Premium'. The APPG's new Secretariat, Child Poverty Action Group and The Equality Trust will assist in organising evidence sessions and with the drafting of the report. An outline of the inquiry will be prepared for November, with the inquiry commencing in early 2018. A launch event should be considered for December 2017. It was suggested that a joint session be held with the APPG on Hunger over the coming months if possible.

#### **Any other business:**

The APPG thanked Georgia Smith and the Webb Memorial Trust for their support in running a successful programme of events over the past year.

It was suggested that the APPG consider how it can work to develop and/or promote a toolkit for businesses to help tackle poverty.

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