

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Poverty

Inaugural Meeting

12 February 2020 at 1pm

Room P, Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London, SW1A 2LW

MINUTES

Present:

Kevin Hollinrake MP
Neil Gray MP
Baroness Ruth Lister
Lyn Brown MP
Afzal Khan MP
Tony Lloyd MP

Apologies: Baroness Christine Blower, Lord Bird and Wanda Wyporska (Secretariat, the Equality Trust)

Also in attendance:

Louisa McGeehan (Secretariat, CPAG)
Yvonne Thomas (Secretariat, CPAG)
Josephine Amos (office of Afzal Khan MP)
Representative of the Bishop of Durham

1. Election of Officers

The following were unanimously elected as the Officers:

- Kevin Hollinrake MP (Thirsk and Malton) – Co-Chair
- Neil Gray MP (Airdrie and Shotts) – Co-Chair
- Baroness Lister of Burtersett – Vice-Chair
- Lyn Brown MP (West Ham) – Vice-Chair
- Tony Lloyd MP (Rochdale) – Vice Chair
- Afzal Khan MP (Manchester, Gorton) – Vice Chair
- Lord Bird – Vice-Chair

2. Confirming Child Poverty Action Group and the Equality Trust to act as the secretariat for this APPG

Child Poverty Action Group and Equality Trust were confirmed as secretariat for the APPG on Poverty.

3. Feedback on Report of the APPG on Poverty inquiry into the poverty premium

It was noted that the report on the Poverty Premium was published before the election in December 2019 and copies were sent to all those who gave contributions. Louisa McGeehan circulated a note on feedback received including correspondence received by Kevin Hollinrake MP in response to him sending the report to interested organisations. She noted that the Fair by Design campaign to end the poverty premium reported they have used the report significantly and are interested in following up on the report.

Tony Lloyd noted that feedback would also be useful from organisations that may charge a 'poverty premium' who had not responded. It was agreed that Kevin Hollinrake MP would follow up with those who had not replied. **ACTION** - CPAG will draft him a note for this purpose.

4. Discussion of work programme for 2020

Discussion regarding possible areas of focus for 2020 picked up on areas of work discussed in the previous parliament, key issues and requests received.

It was agreed to sequence the suggested topics in the following way:

- One-off session on the Social Metrics Commission's poverty measurement
- An inquiry to explore aspects of in-work poverty
- An inquiry on housing costs
- One-off session on local welfare assistance.

5. Any other business

There was no other business.

6. Next meeting

It was agreed to hold meetings of the APPG every 6 weeks.

The meeting closed at 1:35pm.