

APPG on Poverty

Thursday 28th January, 2021 at 10am

Zoom

Attendees: Neil Gray MP (Co-Chair), Kevin Hollinrake MP (Co-Chair), Baroness Ruth Lister, Azal Khan MP, Hannah Goldwyn Simpkins (office of Afzal Khan MP), Christian Ariwa (office of Lyn Brown MP), Dr Wanda Wyporska (Co-Secretariat, the Equality Trust), Louisa McGeehan (Co-Secretariat, CPAG), and Zhané Edwards (Co-Secretariat, CPAG).

1. Discussion of draft report from evidence session

- All members present agreed with the report and believed it was a fair representation of the evidence received.
- Kevin raised concern over how this will be costed. Ruth responded that the report is to be a reflection of the evidence and that question on funding are outside the APPG's remit.
- Members made comments and amendments to the structure draft report.
- **ACTION** - Kevin to send Zhané some lines on how UK ranks in its social security spending with other countries.
- APPG decided to focus on three main recommendations in the report. This was not to discount the additional recommendations made by witnesses, but to select three that should be treated as a priority.
- It was decided to aim to get the report published next week.
- **ACTION** - Kevin, Ruth and Afzal to send comments to Neil for the press release.

2. Any other business

There was no other business.

3. Next meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will be an Officer only meeting again to discuss longer term work for the APPG.

The meeting closed at 11:00.