

AGM Minutes 31/01/2023

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Attendees

Andy Carter MP
Lord Storey
Lia Nicci MP
Jill Mortimer MP
Jason McCartney MP
Rob Butler MP

Welcome

Andy Carter MP, chair of the APPG, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agreement of voting procedures

The chair proposed voting be done by raising of hands, which was unanimously agreed to. It had already been previously agreed by the APPG that officers could be nominated in absentia.

Election of chair and officers

It was confirmed the meeting was quorate and so elections could begin.

Lia Nicci MP proposed that Andy Carter MP remain as chair of the APPG. This was seconded by Jason McCartney MP and unanimously voted for by all present.

Lia Nicci MP proposed all other officers remain in their current positions. This was seconded by Jason McCartney MP and unanimously voted for by all present.

This means the chair and officers for the APPG for the upcoming year remain as follows:

Chair: Andy Carter MP

Co-Chair: Lord Storey

Vice-Chair: Lord Knight, Sally-Ann Hart MP, Jonathan Gullis MP

Officers: Miriam Cates MP, Kim Johnson MP

Chair's presentation

The re-elected chair, Andy Carter MP, gave a presentation to the APPG, outlining potential priorities for the APPG over the coming year, including assessing the current state of the national for school exclusions and AP and looking at what challenges schools are facing.

Andy explained that he held a meeting, organised by the Centre for Social Justice, with people from across the sector.

Andy spoke about the topics discussed at this meeting which included AP funding, school absence, the pandemic, inclusion, how APs are inspected and upstream working.

Andy then opened the floor for those in attending to raise any further issues they think the APPG should consider over the coming year.

Lai Nicci MP asked if home schooling could be included, speaking of her experiences of seeing children across her constituency claiming to be home schooled but are often seen walking around town during the school day.

Lord Storey added that he's noticed how a lot of home educated children are only being educated at home because they tell the parents they don't want to be in school. However, in reality some children in home education are not receiving a proper education. Lord Storey mentioned how he has worked with someone in the third sector who is trying to tackle this issue and he will put the APPG in contact. He also raised that the House of Lords is looking at home education in a select committee on alternative education.

Close

Andy Carter MP closed the meeting.