

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Care-Experienced Children and Young People on 10th May 2023, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Venue: Committee Room 5, House of Commons

Present: Steve McCabe MP (Chair), Marie Rimmer MP, Tim Loughton MP (Vice Chair), Lord Watson of Invergowrie, Baroness Young of Hornsey, Munira Wilson MP, Wayne David MP, Clare Bracey (Become – Secretariat), Matt Blow (Become – Secretariat)

Apologies: Edward Timpson MP, Rachael Maskell MP, Kim Johnson MP, Lucy Allan MP, David Simmonds MP

1. Welcome and introductions from the Chair - Steve McCabe MP

- The Chair welcomed everyone attending the meeting and carried out introductions. The Chair confirmed the rules for voting, including that Officers could be elected in absentia.

2. Election of Officers

- The Chair confirmed that existing Officers had provided confirmation that they wished to continue in their roles prior to the meeting.
- Baroness Young of Hornsey informed the group that she would be stepping down her role as Co-Vice Chair of the APPG. The Chair thanked Baroness Young for her support and commitment to the APPG over recent years.
- The Chair announced that Edward Timpson MP, Rachael Maskell MP and Munira Wilson MP had all agreed to join the group as Officers.
- The following Officers were elected unanimously:
 - Chair and registered contact – Steve McCabe MP (Labour)
 - Vice Chair – Tim Loughton MP (Conservative)
 - Officer – Edward Timpson MP (Conservative)
 - Officer – Lucy Allan MP (Conservative)
 - Officer – Munira Wilson MP (Liberal Democrats)
 - Officer – Ms Marie Rimmer MP (Labour)
 - Officer – Lord Watson of Invergowrie (Labour)
 - Officer – Kim Johnson MP (Labour)
 - Officer – David Simmonds MP (Conservative)
 - Officer – Wayne David MP (Labour)
 - Officer – Rachael Maskell MP (Labour)

3. Income and expenditure statement

- The Chair confirmed that the Group does not need to produce and approve an income and expenditure statement as the group has not received over £12,500 in money or in kind from outside Parliament in the reporting year.
- Become will continue as the Secretariat for the APPG, and Matt Blow (MB), Become's Policy and Public Affairs Manager, will continue to act as the APPG clerk.

4. Changing the name of the APPG



- Matt Blow (MB) highlighted that the term looked after children can be stigmatising for care-experienced children and young people; and suggested that it would be helpful to change the name of the APPG to a more appropriate and representative name.
- Following discussion, it was agreed that the name of the APPG would be changed from the APPG for Looked After Children and Care Leavers to the APPG for Care-Experienced Children and Young People.
- It was agreed that the purpose statement for the APPG shouldn't change.

5. Discussion on the APPG's work plan for 2023/24

- MB described a proposal for the APPG to carry out an inquiry over summer 2023 to examine and consider the Government's proposals to extend corporate parenting responsibilities to other public bodies.
- The proposed inquiry would include a public call for evidence, a survey of public bodies and regional evidence sessions to hear the views of care-experienced children and young people about who they would like to see corporate parenting responsibilities be extended to and what impact this could have.
- The Officers approved this proposal as the basis of the APPG's workplan for 2023/24.
- It was agreed that Become would develop a draft terms of reference and project plan, and share this with Officers.

6. Any other business

- The Chair and Co-Chair mentioned a proposal developed by the APPG for Children to develop a collaborative youth-led manifesto for the next general election amongst all the APPGs that represent children.
- It was agreed that the APPG for Care-Experienced Children and Young People should engage with this; and that Become as the secretariat would make contact with the National Children's Bureau, who provide the secretariat for the APPG for Children.