

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Looked After Children and Care Leavers on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 3.30pm – 4:00pm**

**Venue:** Room P, Portcullis House

**Present:** Steve McCabe MP (Chair), Marie Rimmer MP, Kate Green MP, Mike Amesbury MP, Shaun Bailey MP, Clare Bracey (Become – Secretariat), Matt Blow (Become – Secretariat)

**Apologies:** Tim Loughton MP (Vice Co-Chair), Kim Johnson MP, Lucy Allan MP, David Simmonds MP, Baroness Young of Hornsey (Vice Co-Chair), Lord Watson of Invergowrie

**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.
- The following Officers were elected unanimously:
  - Chair and registered contact – Steve McCabe MP (Labour)
  - Co-Vice Chair – Tim Loughton MP (Conservative)
  - Co-Vice Chair – Baroness Young of Hornsey
  - Officer – Lucy Allan MP (Conservative)
  - Officer – Ms Marie Rimmer MP (Labour)
  - Officer – Lord Watson of Invergowrie (Labour)
  - Officer – Kim Johnson MP (Labour)
  - Officer – David Simmonds MP (Conservative)

**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 new Policy and Public Affairs Manager, will act as the APPG clerk.

**4. Publication of the Independent Review of Children's Social Care (the Care Review)**

- The Care Review was published on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
- Clare Bracey (CB) provided a summary of the main findings and recommendations of the Care Review.
- It was agreed that the APPG would focus on the review's findings at its next meeting. MB and CB will liaise with the Department for Education to get a better understanding of when the Government response is expected, before liaising with the Chair about potential dates for the next meeting of the APPG.

**5. Any other business**



- No further business was raised.