

## **All-Party Parliamentary Group on No Recourse to Public Funds Annual General Meeting 09.06.2021 13:00-13:30**

### **Minutes**

Meeting held virtually on Zoom

#### *Present:*

Kate Osamor MP (chair), Anne McLaughlin MP, The Lord Bishop of Durham, Sunny Singh (clerk to Steven Bonnar MP), David Linden MP, Jess McQuail (Just Fair), Kris Harris (Project 17)

#### *Apologies:*

David Simmonds MP, Caroline Lucas MP, Stuart McDonald MP, Baroness Lister of Burtersett, Sir Peter Bottomley MP, Stephen Timms MP, Rt Hon John McDonnell MP, Kristy Blackman MP

#### *Short introduction by chair Kate Osamor MP -*

Kate Osamor MP gives a short introduction to the APPG and reiterates the aims of the group. She explains that the short hiatus of the group was as a result of the loss of the group's Conservative Party member. Most of the members in the group have direct experience of constituents with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) and the problems they face in everyday life.

#### *Election of officers*

Kate Osamor MP proposes herself to continue in the role as Chair – elected unopposed.

Sir Peter Bottomley MP – proposed and elected in absentia

Stuart McDonald MP – proposed and elected in absentia

Baroness Lister MP – proposed and elected in absentia

Rt Hon John McDonnell MP – proposed and elected in absentia

Paul Butler, The Lord Bishop of Durham – proposed and seconded

Anne McLaughlin MP – proposed and seconded

(Those elected in absentia had given prior consent to election via email but were unable to be present in the meeting)

#### *Workplan for the coming year*

A draft workplan had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. No amendments were proposed and the workplan will form a rough direction of work for the group. Paul Butler, the Lord Bishop of Durham – suggested collaboration with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Migration and that this could be facilitated through himself, Neil Coyle MP and the Refugee, Asylum and Migration Policy project (RAMP).

Upcoming meeting for beginning of July 2021 was agreed – date and topic to be confirmed and circulated.

Kate Osamor MP encouraged all officers and members to stay active on the issue of NRPF and keep speaking up for constituents and families that need support and to keep the issue on the parliamentary agenda.

Meeting closed and details and date of upcoming to be circulates as soon as possible.