

All-Party Parliamentary Group on No Recourse to Public Funds

Annual General Meeting 30.03.2022 15:45-16:15

Minutes

Meeting held virtually on Zoom

Present

Kate Osamor MP (chair), Baroness Lister (vice chair), Kirsty Blackman MP, Christina Rees MP, Kirsten Oswald MP, Dean Cawsey (office of Christina Rees), Oliver Daly (office of Kate Osamor), Asfah Kosir (Project 17), Helen Flynn (Just Fair)

Apologies

Anne McLaughlin MP (vice chair), Tony Lloyd MP, Sir Peter Bottomley MP (vice chair), Lord Bishop of Durham (vice chair), Stephen Timms MP

Introduction by chair Kate Osamor MP

Chair welcomed members and highlighted challenges of last year. Discussed most recent evidence sessions held by APPG in [November](#) and [July](#) 2021. Reminded participants of purpose of APPG: *“To draw attention to the challenges faced by destitute migrants who have no recourse to public funds by virtue of having irregular immigration status or a condition imposed on their visa, with a particular focus on families and vulnerable adults, and to contribute to the development of policy and legislation in this area.”*

Election of officers

- Kate Osamor MP proposes herself to continue in the role as chair – elected unopposed
- Baroness Lister MP – proposed and seconded
- Kirsty Blackman MO – proposed and seconded
- Lord Bishop of Durham – proposed and elected in absentia
- Anne McLaughlin MP – proposed and elected in absentia
- Sir Peter Bottomley MP – proposed and elected in absentia

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

In addition:

- Alison Thewliss MP confirmed as new member
- Project 17 and Just Fair confirmed as co-secretariat to APPG

Workplan for the coming year

- Members agreed the following draft workplan:
 - Evidence session before summer recess on NRPF and Children, exploring the (soon to be released) report from the Work and Pensions Committee
 - Evidence Session in Autumn term - on NRPF and Accommodation (potentially a joint session with APPG Homelessness or APPG Temporary Accommodation)
- In addition it was agreed that the chair would write to Minister for Education regarding [recent statement](#) on extension of FSM to children with NRPF on behalf of APPG. In particular:
 - Welcoming the move
 - Asking for clarity about who would and would not be covered by new policy
 - Whether it would extend beyond term-time
 - Plans for a public awareness campaign (in recognition of difficulties schools report in identifying children who are subject to NRPF condition and therefore eligible)
- Discussion was also had about ensuring group covers specific issues in devolved regions in relation to its work
- Potential session proposed in relation to NRPF and domestic violence and abuse, with particular focus [on report](#) into issue commissioned by Domestic Abuse Commissioner and due in summer 2022. As a starting point the APPG will reach out to DA Commissioner to ensure she is aware of our work.