APPG for Further Education and Lifelong Learning
Unconfirmed minutes of the inaugural meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group on FE and Lifelong Learning held Wednesday 19 July 2017
Committee Room 7, House of Commons

Present

MPs
Peter Kyle, Labour, Hove – Chair
Ian Mearns, Labour
Matt Western, Labour

Peers
Lord Watson, Labour
Baroness Garden of Frognal, Liberal Democrat

Background
The APPG for Further Education and Lifelong Learning's purpose is to represent, promote and develop the interests of further education and adult learning.

Opening welcome
Peter Kyle welcomed all members to the inaugural meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Further Education and Lifelong Learning (APPG), noting that the inaugural meeting was quorate and that the group met all qualifying requirements.

Election of Officers
Peter Kyle MP, having been nominated by Ian Mearns, and seconded by Baroness Garden of Frognal was duly elected as Chair of the APPG.

Ian Mearns MP, having been nominated by Lord Watson and seconded by Baroness Garden of Frognal was duly elected as Vice-Chair of the APPG.

Peter Aldous MP, having been nominated by Ian Mearns and seconded by Baroness Garden of Frognal was duly elected as Vice-Chair of the APPG.

Baroness Garden of Frognal, having been nominated by Ian Mearns and seconded by Lord Watson was duly elected as Vice-Chair of the APPG.

The Officers of the Group are:

Peter Kyle MP, Labour, Hove – Chair
Peter Aldous MP, Conservative, Waveney – Vice-Chair
Ian Mearns MP, Labour, Gateshead – Vice-Chair
Baroness Garden of Frognal, Liberal Democrat – Vice-Chair
Objectives
The overall aim of the APPG on Further Education and Lifelong Learning is to promote and develop the interests of FE, adult learning, skills sectors and to advise Government ministers on matters of concern to those sectors.

Frequency of meetings of the APPG
The APPG will meet quarterly (including the AGM), and at other times as required to respond to matters arising that require early address.

Topics for next and future meetings

- Area Reviews, Richard Atkins CBE, FE Commissioner
- Technical Education-T Levels
- Apprenticeships
- Careers Advice
- Brexit and Skills

Any other business
There being no further business the meeting was declared closed.