



# 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

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## Present

### MPs

**Peter Kyle**, Labour, Hove – Chair

**Ian Mearns**, Labour

**Matt Western**, Labour

### Peers

**Lord Watson**, Labour

**Baroness Garden of Frogna**, Liberal Democrat

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## 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 Frogna was duly elected as Chair of the APPG.

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

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

Baroness Garden of Frogna, 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 Frogna](#), 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.