



The All-Party Parliamentary
Group on Legal Aid

Annual General Meeting
Thursday 17 October 15, 2019 Room Q Portcullis House

In attendance:
Parliamentarians

Chair: Karen Buck

Andy Slaughter

Alex Chalk

Lord Colin Low

Yvonne Fovargue

Matthew Pennycook

Peter Bottomley

LAPG: Chris Minnoch and Ro Teather

YLAL: Megan Miller

Ms Buck opened the meeting and thanked those present for giving up their time to attend. She explained that the Group's reporting year had ended on 11 September 2019 and that it was meeting to hold its AGM in order to (i) elect new officers (ii) to approve the Group's Income and Expenditure form. With five Parliamentarians in attendance, the Group was quorate for the purposes of the AGM.

Election of Officers

Chair: Karen Buck MP (Labour) stood for re-election to the position of Chair. Her election was unopposed.

Vice-Chairs: it was agreed that a number of officers would be elected and that these should aim to have a balance across the parties, Houses and gender. All would hold the title of Vice-Chair. The following were elected unopposed.

Lord Willy Bach (who sent his apologies)

Lord Colin Low
Baroness Helena Kennedy (who sent her apologies)
Alex Chalk MP
Yvonne Fovargue MP
Dominic Grieve MP (who sent his apologies)
Andy Slaughter MP
Jo Stevens MP (who sent her apologies)
Kate Green MP (who sent her apologies)
Bambos Charalambous MP

Income and Expenditure statement

An Income and Expenditure statement for the Group was tabled for the Officers' consideration. As copy of this is attached as Annex A to these minutes. The Officers approved the statement.

With no other business to discuss, Ms Buck gave a huge thanks to The Legal Education Foundation, Hogan Lovells and the London Legal Support Trust for their funding of the APPG and declared the AGM portion of the meeting to have been concluded.

The Group then had a general discussion about future meetings. It was agreed by all present to align them, as far as is practicable, to the timing and themes of the MOJ LASPO PIR and Action Plan. Ms Teather suggested that the next meeting focus on the means test review. This suggestion was met with general approval, but Ms Buck noted that the Group's business will have to be suspended in the event of a general election. If one is not held, she suggested that the Group aim to hold its next meeting in late November.

It was agreed that Ms Teather would register the AGM minutes as per APPG requirements within the next 28 days. Ms Buck thanked all those in attendance and concluded the meeting.

Annex A

Income and expenditure statement for All-Party Parliamentary Groups

Name of group: All-Party Parliamentary Group on Legal Aid

Period covered by this statement: 11 September 2018- 17 October 2019

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A. Balance brought forward from previous year:	0
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B. Income received during the year:	
i. Membership subscriptions (parliamentarians)	0
ii. Monetary donations (including external subscriptions and sponsorship)	0
iii. Trading income	0
iv. Interest received	0
v. Other (please explain)	
TOTAL income	0

C. Expenditure during the year:

i. Employment costs (salaries, NI, pensions costs)	0
ii. Costs of contractors and freelance staff	0
iii. Visits and events (UK)	0
iv. Visits and events (abroad)	0
v. Cost of generating income	0
vi. Office and communications costs	0
vii. Other (please explain)	0
TOTAL expenditure	0
D. Balance carried forward (A+ total B-total C)	0

E. Value of benefits in kind received from each source during the reporting year (in bands of up to £1,500; £1,501-£3,000; £3,001 to £4,500; £4,501 to £6,000 etc) Please itemise according to the source and	<i>£12,001-13,500 received from The Legal Education Foundation as project funding to the Legal Aid Practitioners Group to provide secretariat support, associated training, research and direct costs of meetings.</i>
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*£1000 received from Hogan Lovells
as project funding for an event in
Parliament*

*£500 received from London Legal
Support Trust as project funding for
an event in Parliament.*

Signed by Chair of Group:

Date: 17 October 2019