



All-Party Parliamentary Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Annual General Meeting 2021: Minutes

Date: Tuesday 23 November 2021

Time: 15:30 – 15:50

Location: Online, via Zoom

Present (Parliamentarians)

- Ronnie Cowan MP
- Andrew Gwynne MP
- Sharon Hodgson MP
- Dame Diana Johnson MP
- Lord McColl of Dulwich

Present (Observers)

- Kat Banyard, UK Feminista
- Rachel Edwards, Office of Maria Miller MP
- Tom Higginson, Office of Sharon Hodgson MP
- Nina Humphries, UK Feminista
- Sam Kahn, Office of Sharon Hodgson MP
- Kate Winstanley, Office of Dame Diana Johnson MP

1. Introduction

Dame Diana Johnson MP welcomed attendees and outlined the purpose of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Commercial Sexual Exploitation.

2. Election of officers

The following parliamentarians were elected as officers of the APPG on Commercial Sexual Exploitation:

- Tonia Antoniazzi MP
- Sarah Champion MP
- Ronnie Cowan MP
- Andrew Gwynne MP
- Sharon Hodgson MP

- Dame Diana Johnson MP (Chair and Registered Contact)
- Lord McColl of Dulwich
- Maria Miller MP
- Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede

3. Review of objectives for 2021-2022

An overview of the APPG's objectives for the coming year was provided. The group's activities will include conducting an inquiry on pornography. The objectives of the inquiry are to:

1. Assess the scale and nature of the contemporary pornography industry;
2. Identify the types and severity of harms associated with the production and consumption of pornography; and
3. Establish what legal framework is needed in the UK to prevent and address the harms associated with the production and consumption of pornography.

The APPG will also advocate for amendments to Government bills to prevent commercial sexual exploitation.

4. AOB

An update was provided to members concerning a letter sent to the Education Secretary about universities providing training for students involved in sexual exploitation.

Dame Diana Johnson MP and UK Feminista were thanked for their work for the APPG on Commercial Sexual Exploitation.

It was highlighted that the next evidence hearing for the pornography inquiry will take place on 11 January 2022.

5. Ends