

Annual General Meeting 26 April 2021 14:00-15:00 (zoom) Meeting Minutes

Attendees

- Rt Hon Damian Green MP
- Lord Filkin CBE
- Sir Peter James Bottomley MP
- Jonathan Lord MP
- Baroness Walmsley
- Richard Sloggett
- Tina Woods
- Lara Bett

Apologies

- Baroness Greengross OBE
- Lord David Willetts
- Lord James O'Shaughnessy
- Lord Bob Kerslake
- Lord Patel
- Lord Clement Jones
- Ms Angela Crawley MP
- Baroness Cavendish
- Mr Chris Green MP
- Lord Crisp
- Mr Henry Smith MP
- Pauline Latham
- Laura Cockram

Agenda

- Achievements of the APPG 2020-21
- Election of Officers
- Income & Expenditure Statement
- Update on 2021 plans
- Funding
- AOB

Minutes

- See Appendix for key achievements
- Election of officers (see website [here](#)):
 - Rt Hon Damian GREEN MP Chair (re-elected)
 - Lord Filkin CBE- Secretary (re-elected)
 - Sir Peter James Bottomley MP Vice-Chair (re-elected)

- Baroness Greengross OBE – Vice Chair (re-elected)
 - Lord David Willetts- Vice Chair (re-elected)
 - Lord James O'Shaughnessy – Vice Chair (re-elected)
 - Lord Bob Kerslake –Vice Chair (re-elected)
 - Baroness Walmsley- Vice Chair (elected)
 - Lord Patel- Vice Chair (elected)
- Income and Expenditure Statement 2020-21 approved- see [here](#) (on APPG website [here](#))
 - Update on 2021 plans. The APPG is now actioning the *Levelling Up Health* report to promote actions by government and society to level up health:
 - To help build momentum for this goal, across government and society
 - To win support for a Health Improvement Plan and a Health Improvement Fund.
 - To make Levelling Up Health a cross party and pan society goal
 - To support the ambition and scope of the Office for Health Promotion and the CMO.
 - Funding: The scale of APPG activities depends on funding and in-kind support. The APPG is currently seeking core funding and looking for additional partners to work with us in 2021.
 - AOB

APPENDIX

APPG for Longevity – Progress and Plans

The past year

The Health of the Nation A Strategy – our first report, written by Geoffrey Filkin and Tina Woods, supported by many organisations. It was launched February 2020 with Matt Hancock as main speaker. It has been widely praised. Then Covid struck and stopped our plans to discuss this report with Government. So, we decided to act on two of the 9 recommendations ourselves.

Business for Health - We founded a new organisation, *Business for Health*, to take forward one of our recommendations, that there is a need for greater business contributions to population health, not to harm it. Already Business for Health, just six months from its foundation, is garnering considerable support as business knows how damaging ill health can be to its own success, the economy and society. They will make a key contribution, initially by developing the specification for an Index to measure the contribution a firm makes to health and so build incentives from shareholders and customers for better health contributions, adopting lessons from the climate change experience. The APPG works closely with Business for Health, its first offspring.

Data and Health - The APPG launched the Open Life Data Framework Group which is chaired by Lord James O'Shaughnessy. It will publish in September, and the framework will explore how to harness data to help us live healthier for longer, and more equitably while informing the value of UK health data assets to feed into the UK's economic strategy and its global ambition in science and AI.

Levelling Up Health ([here](#)) - we decided to use the Covid pandemic to remake the case for strong societal action to level up health. The very poor health experienced by many people and places as

shown up by shocking differences in deaths with Covid in places with prior poor health. We took the Government's aim to Level Up as our framing for this report written by Geoffrey Filkin, Damian Green, Richard Sloggett and Tina Woods. It was launched to a capacity audience of 500 people on 9 April. Matt Hancock and Chris Whitty spoke at the launch and both said how excellent it was.

The coming year

Levelling Up Health Making It Happen – a report is only the start, we are now actively planning how to make our recommendations have impact through discussions with Ministers, Chris Whitty, and leaders of other sectors. We will commission or undertake further projects or research topics where we identify there is a need that no-one else is fulfilling but will need funds to do so.

September - launches of the Open Life Data Framework and Business Index

Conclusion

The APPG for Longevity is remarkable, it has no paid staff, no legal status, no core funding – yet is more productive and influential than many organisations with large budgets and staff, thanks to the core team of Damian Green as Chair, Tina Woods as CEO, Longevity International, and Geoffrey Filkin as Chair of the Strategic Advisory Board. We need more members in both Commons and the Lords so can you help us recruit them?

Damian Green, Chair APPG for Longevity