

All Party Parliamentary Loan Charge Group AGM and Inaugural Meeting

**Tuesday 7th January 2020, 2pm-2:30pm
Portcullis House, Room 391**

Minutes

Parliamentarians present

Sir Edward Davey MP (chair), Gareth Bacon MP, Duncan Baker MP, Fiona Bruce MP, Ruth Cadbury MP, Alex Chalk MP, Bambos Charalambous MP, Stephen Hammond MP, Paul Holmes MP, Andrea Jenkyns MP, Ruth Jones MP, Baroness Kramer, Emma Lewell-Buck MP, Rt Hon Dr Julian Lewis MP, Kenny MacAskill MP, Stephen Metcalfe MP, Gagan Mohindra MP, Robert Neill MP, Rt Hon Sir Mike Penning MP, Angela Richardson MP, Mary Robinson MP, Dean Russell MP, Greg Smith MP, Rt Hon Sir Desmond Swayne MP, Rt Hon Sammy Wilson MP, Munira Wilson MP, William Wragg MP

MPs' staff present

Ruth Cadbury MP, Andrea Jenkyns MP, Carol Monaghan MP, Rt Hon Sir Mike Penning MP

Other attendees

Representing the Loan Charge Action Group: Greg Mulholland, Steve Packham, Sabina Mangosi

LCAG observers: Markus K, Richard R, Sarah B

1. Review and approval of the previous APPG's Income and Expenditure Statement

The Secretariat provided an Income and Expenditure Statement for consideration by the participants and approval by Sir Ed Davey as Chair of the APPG which existed in the previous parliament.

Sir Ed Davey signed the statement and approved it for publication.

2. Re-establishment of the APPG

The Parliamentarians present agreed to re-establish the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Loan Charge in the new parliament.

3. Election of APPG Officers

Nominations for officer positions were called for and elections were held.

The officers of the new APPG will be:

Co-Chairs

Rt Hon Sir Ed Davey MP

Ruth Cadbury MP

Rt Hon Sir Mike Penning MP

Vice-Chairs

Baroness Kramer

Andrea Jenkyns MP

Rt Hon Sammy Wilson MP

4. Appointment of Secretariat

It was agreed to formally appoint the Loan Charge Action Group as the Secretariat of the APPG.

The two Secretariat contacts are to be Greg Mulholland and Sabina Mangosi.

5. Purpose of proposed Group:

The purpose of the APPG was agreed to be kept the same as the previous APPG:

The All Party Parliamentary Loan Charge Group exists to raise concerns about the 2019 Loan Charge, which will affect thousands of freelance, contract and locum workers in the UK as well as the wider context of fairness of tax legislation and the conduct of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.

6. Suggested initial programme of activity

The following initial programme of activity was proposed and approved:

- i. Secretariat to prepare and circulate a briefing on the Sir Amyas Morse review

Secretariat to prepare and send to APPG members

- ii. The APPG will take evidence regarding on the Sir Amyas Morse Review and the government's response to examine where it does and does not adequately address the issues and concerns with the Loan Charge

Officers and Secretariat to identify suitable dates and witness availability for meetings

iii. Press for a full debate on the Sir Amyas Morse report in the main chamber

Officers to make an approach to the Backbench Business Committee

7. Other issues mentioned

- The changes to the Loan Charge announced by the Treasury were briefly discussed including the need for new legislation. It is not clear if this will be part of the next Finance Act or separate. It may be possible to influence this legislation if there is enough support from MPs.
- Parliamentary questions from a large number of MP's would be desirable to ensure the topic continues to have a high profile.

Officers and the Secretariat to take these points into consideration