

## **APPG for London Annual Review 2017-18**



### **1. APPG Officers**

The group officers were as follows.

Co-Chairs: Bob Neill MP & Steve Reed MP

Secretary: Catherine West

Treasurer: Paul Scully

### **2. Review of progress over the year - Group and secretariat progress update.**

- Membership. The group now has 64 members, 42 MPs and 22 Peers.
- Twitter. Group also has a twitter account <https://twitter.com/APPGforLondon> - as of 17 July 2018, the account has built up to 849 followers (up 300 from last year).
- Website. APPG Group also has a website – see [www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/appg](http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/appg)

#### **Meetings / events held since last AGM (28 June 2017)**

- July 2017. First-ever APPG report 'Bridging the skills gap' launch event in Thames Pavilion
- September 2017. Private briefing for Parliamentarians on housing
- September 2017. Joint open meeting with Crossrail2 APPG on the 'Future of rail'
- October 2017. Local Government Finance briefing meeting
- October 2017. APPG annual reception with speaker Lord Andrew Adonis, Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission
- Catherine West MP, as APPG officer speaks, at Parliamentary launch of London's Poverty Profile
- November 2017. Joint meeting with Greater Manchester APPG on 'Further devolution to cities'
- November 2017. London Health Devolution briefing meeting for parliamentarians
- December 2017. APPG Officers planning meeting
- January 2018. Westminster Hall debate on 'Skills devolution in England' and APPG Officers meeting with the minister, Anne Milton MP the following day
- February 2018. Information meeting for Parliamentarians on apprenticeships with the minister
- March 2018. Meeting on 'The role of the Charitable and Social Enterprise Sectors in London'

Purdah for local government elections

- June 2018. Joint meeting with Knife Crime APPG on 'Serious youth violence'

### **3. APPG group meetings / events that have already been booked for the autumn of 2018.**

**Please note the following dates / topics**

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| 5 September | 4.30-5.30pm, Macmillan room – 'Attracting the skills & talent London's businesses need |
| 17 October  | 2-3pm, Macmillan Room – topic 'Spending Review 2019'                                   |
| 28 November | 2-3pm, Macmillan Room – Joint meeting with APPG for Greater Manchester                 |