



APPG for London Annual Review 2018/19



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A MESSAGE FROM THE APPG CO-CHAIRS

Against a backdrop of immense political turbulence over the past year, London continues to play a crucial role in the prosperity of the UK.

The capital contributes hugely to the national economy, culture, and civic life. But London also faces numerous challenges, including criticism of its alleged dominance.

The APPG for London therefore remains an important forum for London’s parliamentarians to consider these issues on a cross-party basis and to strengthen our collective pro-London voice. As our programme for the past year shows, the APPG has hosted a range of events designed to bring parliamentarians together and encourage constructive discussion on London’s key concerns.

Last summer also saw the retirement from London Councils of Olly Hatch, who was instrumental in establishing the APPG and running its secretariat. As co-chairs of the group, we’re immensely grateful to Olly for all his hard work and commitment since the APPG launched in 2015.

Looking to the future, the political uncertainty seems unlikely to disappear anytime soon, but we know that the APPG has a valuable role in supporting London’s parliamentarians and promoting London’s interests for the good of all.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the group’s events soon.



Bob Neill MP



Steve Reed MP



APPG OFFICERS

Co-Chairs: Bob Neill MP and Steve Reed MP

Secretary: Catherine West MP

Treasurer: Paul Scully MP

Vice-Chairs: Emma Dent Coad MP, Marsha de Cordova MP, and Lord Tope.

The APPG held its annual general meeting on 18 July 2018. Officers were elected and the group’s priorities for the coming year agreed.

LOOKING BACK ON THE APPG’S 2018/19 EVENTS

19 JUNE 2018

SERIOUS YOUTH VIOLENCE

In response to growing concerns over young people’s involvement in violent crime and a new focus on establishing a ‘public health model’ policy response, the group held a roundtable with the APPG on Knife Crime. Among the attendees was Sophie Linden, London’s Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, as well as representatives from the Metropolitan Police and voluntary sector.

5 SEPTEMBER 2018

ATTRACTING THE SKILLS AND TALENT THAT LONDON’S BUSINESSES NEED

Speakers from the CBI, FSB, FutureLearn and the King’s Commission on London discussed the opportunities and challenges the capital faces as businesses strive to meet their skills needs.

17 OCTOBER 2018

THE BUDGET, THE SPENDING REVIEW, AND THE FUTURE OF LONDON’S LOCAL SERVICES

Parliamentarians received an expert briefing on the upcoming Budget and 2019 Spending Review, including a presentation from the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

The APPG’s co-chairs then wrote to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, making the case for “investment and support for London’s local public services, infrastructure and businesses so that the capital continues to deliver growth not only for Londoners themselves, but for the country as a whole.”

31 OCTOBER 2018

AUTUMN RECEPTION

Guest speaker Jo Johnson MP, who at the time was Minister for London and Minister of State for Transport, shared his reflections on the recent Budget and his priorities for the capital.



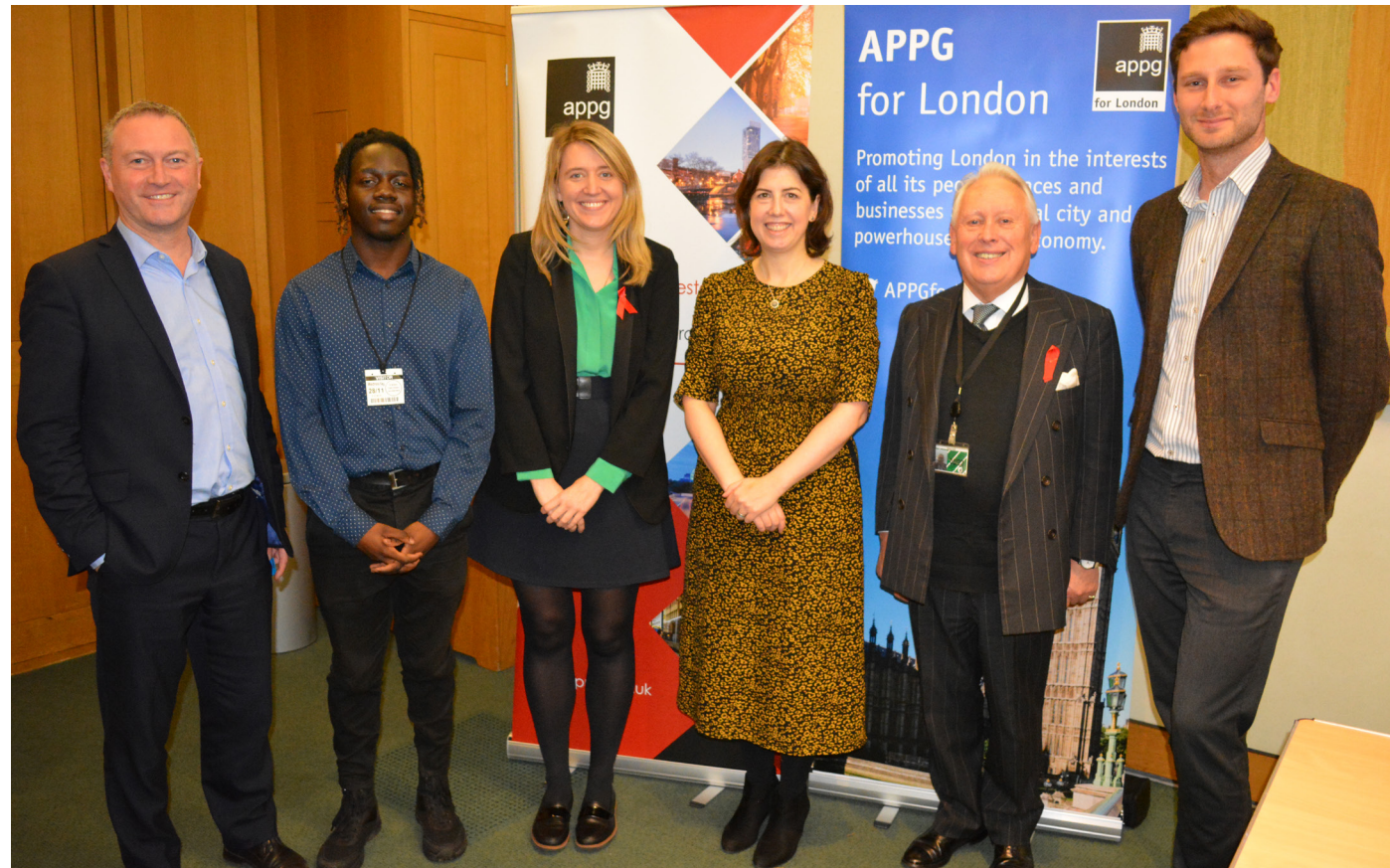
28 NOVEMBER 2018

SKILLS & APPRENTICESHIPS

In a joint meeting with the APPG for Greater Manchester, the group considered how further devolution could help improve the skills system and deliver high-quality apprenticeships.

Guest speakers included Cllr Georgia Gould, London Councils' Executive Member for Skills & Employment, Cllr Sean Fielding, representing the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and Thaddaeus Brown, who shared his perspective as an apprentice at Hackney Council.

Following this event, the group's co-chairs wrote to and secured a meeting with Anne Milton MP, Minister of State for Skills & Apprenticeships.



11 FEBRUARY 2019

BREXIT AND LONDON'S BUSINESSES

With Brexit dominating the political agenda, the group organised a briefing from senior business figures from three key sectors in the capital. Mark Reynolds, the chief executive of construction firm Mace, Rachel Kent, partner at law firm Hogan Lovells, and Seth Williams, head of public affairs at the Association of British Insurers, discussed Brexit's implications for their business sectors.



ABOUT THE APPG FOR LONDON

The APPG for London is a forum for London's MPs and peers to work together on a cross-party basis to strengthen the capital's voice in Parliament. The group's purpose is to promote the capital in the interests of all Londoners.

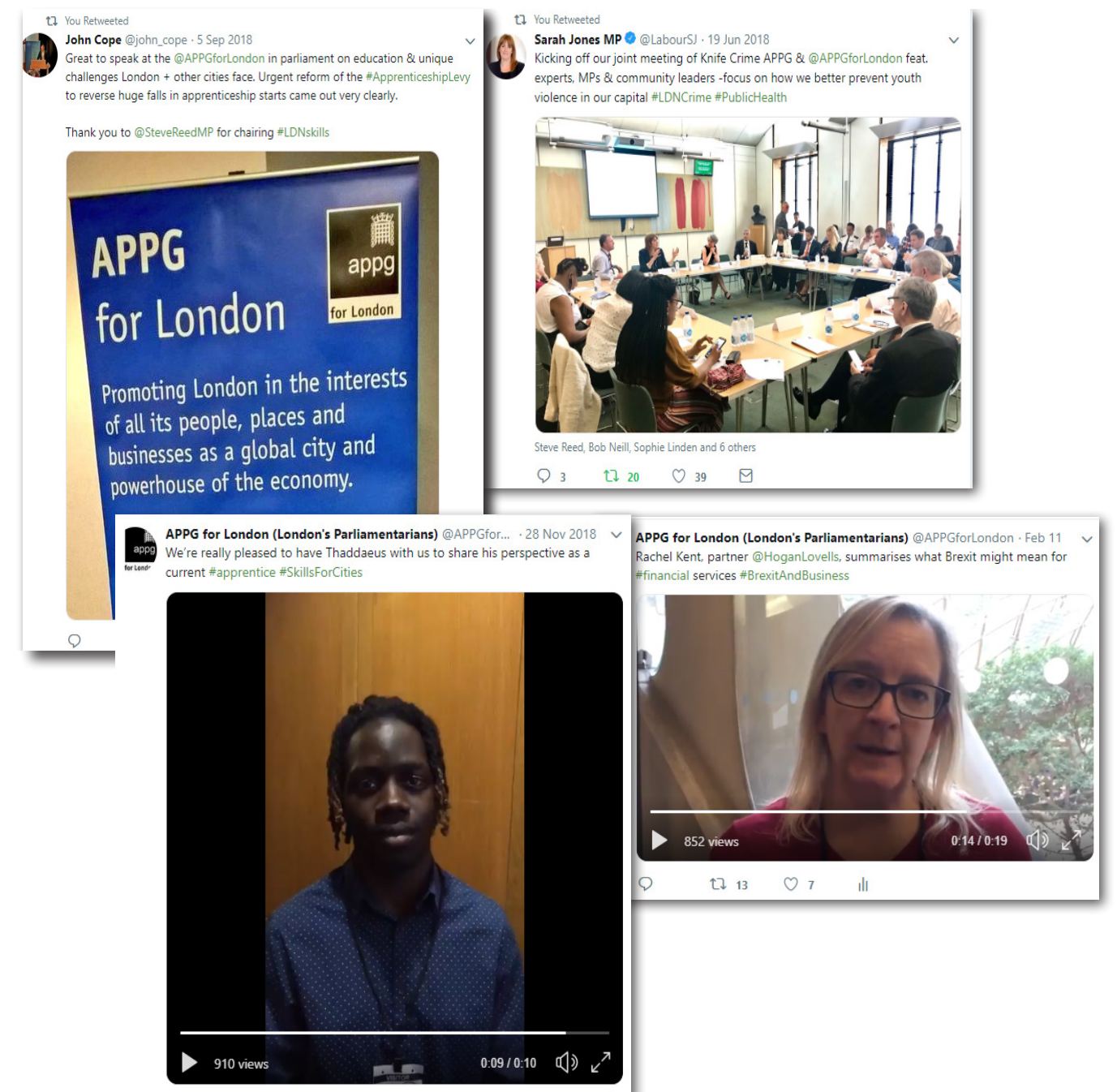
London Councils provides the secretariat to the group on behalf of London government, including the Mayor of London and the London Assembly. The group is listed on the APPG Register.

APPG meetings are open to representatives of organisations interested in and affected by the issues being discussed.

For more information and details of upcoming events, please visit:

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