

Inaugural General Meeting for the APPG for Aviation

30/10/2024 16:30 Room Q, PCH

Attendees:

Tim Roca MP
Lord Davies
Lord Berkeley
Daniel Francis MP
Luke Tyalor MP
Aphra Brandreth MP
Lord Kirkhope
Al Pinkerton
Imogen Payter
Anastasiia Hraevska
Matthew Bolshaw (remotely)

Meeting Opened – nominal Chairing of the meeting by Lord Davies.

Welcome

Summary of work by the APPG in the previous session of Parliament.

Election of a Chair

Unanimous decision to elect Tim Roca MP as Chair of the APPG. Tim takes over as Chair of the meeting.

Election of Officers

Discussed the need for one at least one Conservative as Officer. Both Lord Davies and Lord Kirkhope were proposed and unanimously agreed upon. Calvin Bailey, although absent had indicated that he wished to be proposed. This was also unanimously agreed upon.

Update from Working Groups

There was an update provided on the working groups of the APPG in the previous Parliament and discussion about future scope of work by Matthew Bolshaw.

Distinguishing between Other APPGs

It was discussed that there could potentially be other APPGs that might cross over with the Aviation APPG. It was unanimously agreed that this group differed as it came from a basis of General Aviation and had expanded into the whole Aviation Industry. Due to the scope of works of our working groups, this APPG had clear aims and focus points that did not overlap with the aims of other groups. Also unanimously agreed that there should be regular general dialogue between the Chairs of other APPGs to ensure that if there was overlap, we would work together.



Public Enquiry Point

Unanimously agreed that Matthew Bolshaw would be appointed as the groups Public Enquiry Point

Membership

There were discussions about MPs and Peers that may be interested in becoming Members of the group. Attendees were to enquire with colleagues. Members are to be published on the website, noting that they may be subject to regular change.

AOB

Al Pinkerton raised that concerns had been shared with him about CAA changes to small aircrafts and helicopters for short haul transportation, mostly for tourism purposes. The group agreed to make enquiries about whether this had been suggested or whether a consultation had been put out about this issue.

Meeting closed.