

## APPG on the Rule of Law

### 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Attendance/apologies

Apologies: Lord Dubs; Lord Goldsmith; Baroness Hamwee; Baroness Hayter; Lord Judd; Baroness Lister; Baroness O'Neill; Lord Plant of Highfield; Lord Ramsbotham; Lord Lisvane KCB DL; Joanna Cherry QC MP

Members in attendance: Lord Norton; Lord Pannick QC; Bob Neill MP; Dominic Grieve QC MP; Lord Tyler; Lord Woolf; Baroness Ludford

#### 2. Approval of minutes from the 2016 general meeting of the APPG

The minutes from the APPG's 2016 general meeting were approved.

#### 3. Brief address by Murray Hunt, Director of the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law; former Legal Adviser to the Joint Committee on Human Rights

Dominic Grieve QC MP introduced Murray Hunt thanking the Bingham Centre for its work as the APPG's secretariat.

Murray Hunt set out the work of the Bingham Centre, the secretariat's work, thanked Swee Leng Harris for running the secretariat and The Legal Education Foundation for financial support.

Murray Hunt outlined the Bingham Centre's theme of work on mainstreaming the rule of law, noting that the Bingham Centre hopes to work closely with APPG on this. The draft Guiding Principles for the APPG were introduced and their drafting explained.

#### 4. Group's name and statement of purpose

Name approved by the members: All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Rule of Law

The APPG's statement of purpose approved by the members: To promote parliamentary and public discussion of the rule of law as a practical concept and to mainstream the importance of the rule of law in Parliament.

The members also approved the Guiding Principles for the APPG on the Rule of law, attached.

## **5. Election of officers**

All past officers nominated were re-elected:

- Chair: Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP
- Co-Chair: Lord Pannick QC
- Vice-Chair: Joanna Cherry QC MP
- Vice-Chair: Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP
- Vice-Chair: Keir Starmer MP
- Vice-Chair: Emily Thornberry MP
- Vice-Chair: Rt Hon Lord Woolf

One new officer was elected:

- Vice-Chair: Bob Neill MP

## **6. Approval of the 2016-2017 income and expenditure statement**

The attached draft income and expenditure statement for the APPG's 2016-17 reporting year was approved.

## **7. Legal Adviser, Secretariat, and Public Enquiry Point**

Murray Hunt was appointed as the Legal Adviser to the APPG on the Rule of Law.

The Bingham Centre was appointed as secretariat for the APPG with the following public enquiry point:

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#### 1. Attendance/apologies

Chair: Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP

Members in attendance: Joanna Cherry QC MP; Mark Durkan MP; Stuart McDonald MP; Margaret Ferrier MP; Angela Crawley MP; Lord Judd; Lord Purvis; Lord Lisvane

Apologies: Tom Tugendhat MP; Lord Alderdice; Rt Hon Lord Woolf; Lord Dubs; Baroness Hamwee; Lord Maclennan of Rogart

#### 2. Draft minutes from the inaugural meeting of the APPG (attached)

The draft minutes from the APPG's inaugural meeting were approved.

#### 3. Election of officers

All current officers were re-elected:

- Chair & Registered Contact: Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP
- Co-Chair: Lord Pannick QC
- Vice-Chair: Joanna Cherry QC MP
- Vice-Chair: Rt Hon Sir Edward Garnier QC MP
- Vice-Chair: Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP
- Vice-Chair: Jesse Norman MP
- Vice-Chair: Keir Starmer MP
- Vice-Chair: Emily Thornberry MP
- Vice-Chair: Rt Hon Lord Woolf

#### 4. Approval of the income and expenditure statement (attached)

The draft income and expenditure statement for the APPG's 2015-16 reporting year was approved.

The Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP noted that the APPG itself has no income or expenditure, but receives in kind support from the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law as the APPG's secretariat. Mr

Grieve thanked the Bingham Centre and Swee Leng Harris for their work and support as secretariat.

## APPG on the Rule of Law

### Guiding Principles for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Rule of Law

The following principles guide the activities of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on the Rule of Law. The APPG on the Rule of Law:

1. Aims to promote parliamentary and public discussion of the rule of law as a practical concept, and a UK constitutional principle about which there is broad consensus.
2. Is a cross-party group that acts with political impartiality and does not undertake campaigning.
3. Welcomes as members all parliamentarians, regardless of party affiliation, and aims to involve a diverse range of parliamentarians including non-lawyers as well as lawyers.
4. Proactively promotes consideration of rule of law issues relevant to parliamentary activity by providing rule of law analysis and opportunities for discussion of topical rule of law issues in Parliament.
5. Scrutinises rule of law questions raised by proposed legislation, constitutional developments, Government policy, international affairs and current events.
6. Considers rule of law issues both in and outside the UK.

## ***Income and expenditure statement for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Rule of Law***

Name of group: ...APPG on the Rule of Law.....

Period covered by this statement: .....3 June 2016 to 2 June 2017.....

	£
<b>A. Balance brought forward from previous year:</b>	0
<b>B. Income received during the year:</b>	
i. Membership subscriptions (parliamentarians)	0
ii. Monetary donations (including external subscriptions and sponsorship)	0
iii. Trading income	0
iv. Interest received	0
v. Other (please explain)	0
<b>TOTAL income</b>	0

### **C. Expenditure during the year:**

i. Employment costs (salaries, NI, pensions costs )

0

ii. Costs of contractors and freelance staff	0
iii. Visits and events (UK)	0
iv. Visits and events (abroad)	0
v. Cost of generating income	0
vi. Office and communications costs	0
vii. Other (please explain)	0
<b>TOTAL expenditure</b>	0
<b>D. Balance carried forward ( A+ total B- total C)</b>	0

<p><b>E. Value of benefits in kind received from each source during the reporting year (in bands of up to £1,500; £1,501-£3,000; £3,001 to £4,500; £4,501 to £6,000 etc )</b></p> <p><b>Please itemise according to the source and band</b></p>	<p><i>£28,501-£30,000 received from The Legal Education Foundation as project funding to the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law to provide secretariat support, associated research, and direct costs of meetings.</i></p>
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Signed by Chair of Group: The Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP

Date: 4 July 2017