



All Party Parliamentary Group on Children's Centres

Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 7th July 2015

Minutes

Attending

Fiona Bruce MP
Sharon Hodgson MP
Earl of Listowel
Victoria Borwick MP
Tom Tugendhat MP

Election of Officers

It was unanimously agreed to nominate and confirm the following candidates as officers of the Group for the 2015-16 parliamentary session:

- **Chair:** Fiona Bruce MP
- **Vice Chair:** Earl of Listowel
- **Vice Chair:** Sharon Hodgson MP
- **Vice Chair:** Bill Esterson MP (nominated in absentia)

Name of the Group

Following a brief discussion, it was unanimously agreed to shorten the formal name of the Group as it appears on the register from the "All Party Parliamentary Group on Sure Start Children's Centres" to the "All Party Parliamentary Group on Children's Centres".

Statement of Purpose

It was unanimously agreed to maintain the Group's formal statement of purpose from the previous Parliament. This will therefore continue to appear on the register as: "To champion the good work of children's centres; to identify and share good practice; and to consider and inform policy development on key issues".

Sign-off Process

A formal sign-off process for external communications (e.g. reports, press releases etc) was agreed between the officers and the secretariat. The Chair's office would be the key point of contact for signing-off content, but it was agreed that communications should also be cleared with at least one Vice Chair from another party in order to ensure political balance.

Any Other Business

Fiona Bruce MP stated that she would like to use her role as Chair for the coming year to lead an inquiry into Children's Centres' potential role as "Hubs" for family support. The secretariat committed to develop a proposal for a series of inquiry meetings over the coming year and agree this with the Chair's office.