



Greater Manchester
All Party Parliamentary Group

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Annual General Meeting
TUESDAY 4TH JULY 5.00-6.30PM COMMITTEE ROOM 6

NON-VERBATIM MINUTES

ATTENDED BY:

Officers: Lucy Powell MP, Chris Green MP, Ivan Lewis MP, Jim McMahon MP, Jonathan Reynolds MP

Members: Debbie Abrahams MP, Graham Brady MP, Yvonne Fovargue MP, Kate Green MP, Mike Kane MP, Liz McInnes MP, Jo Platt MP, Jeff Smith MP, Lord Stunnell, Baroness Hughes of Stretford

Apologies: Lord Bradley, Lord Goddard of Stockport, Andrew Gwynne MP, Tony Lloyd MP, Lisa Nandy MP Yasmin Qureshi MP, Baroness Morris of Bolton, Angela Rayner MP

Other attendees: **Samantha Atherton** (Government Affairs Advisor, MAG), **Richard Bell** (Practice Senior Partner, Deloitte), **Lynn Collins** (Regional Secretary, TUC), **Simon Greenhalgh** (Public Affairs Manager, LTE Group), **Tracy Harrison** (Northern Housing Consortium, Deputy Chief Executive), **Oliver Hatch** (Public Affairs Manager, London Councils), **Gabriel Huntley** (Head of External Relations and Communications, University Alliance), **Gaynor Kenyon** (Corporate Affairs Director, United Utilities), **Professor Ben Light** (Professor of Digital Media and Associate Dean, Salford University), **Professor Sheila Pankhurst** (Dean of School, University of Environment & Life Sciences, Salford University) **Jason Prince** (Transport for Greater Manchester), **Katie Teasdale** (National External Affairs Manager, National Housing Federation), **Tim Wood** (Business Development Manager, Amey), **Lizzie Walmsley** (Public Affairs Manager, Big Lottery Fund)

In Attendance for the Secretariat: Julie Hilling, Gill Morris, Steve Barwick and Ross Cathcart



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1. Welcome and introductions

Lucy Powell MP, Chair of the Greater Manchester APPG

2. Election of Officers

The following Parliamentarians were elected as Officers of the APPG for the forthcoming parliament:

- Lucy Powell MP elected as **Chair**
- Lord Goddard of Stockport elected as **Vice-Chair**
- Chris Green MP as **Vice-Chair**
- Ivan Lewis MP elected as **Vice-Chair**
- Jim McMahon MP elected as **Vice-Chair**
- Baroness Morris of Bolton as **Vice-Chair**
- Jonathan Reynolds MP as **Secretary**
- Yasmin Qureshi MP as **Treasurer**

3. Closed briefing for GM Parliamentarians on Greater Manchester Combined Authority's response to the Grenfell Tower Fire:

The Rt Hon Baroness Hughes of Stretford

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Greater Manchester Combined Authority

4. Open Session: Summary of briefing given by Deputy GMCA Mayor: Rt Hon Baroness Hughes of Stretford

Lucy Powell MP

Chair of the Greater Manchester APPG

- Taskforce to address how the issues raised by the Grenfell Tower Fire (prevalence of cladding, safety precautions in Greater Manchester tower blocks) has been



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established by Paul Dennett, City Mayor of Salford and Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Homelessness in the Greater Manchester Combined Authority

- GMCA will submit a response to the Grenfell public inquiry
- Assessment of which housing stock will be affected by altered safety precautions following the Grenfell Tower fire will be done on a building by building basis

Lucy Powell MP opened the debate to questions and comments from the floor which included the following:

Jim McMahon MP

Shadow Minister for Local Government and Devolution

- While Greater Manchester cannot go outside of governmental policy, the £300m investment fund can be used to address some of these problems by focusing on the properties that are needed rather than flats.
- Stronger record of collaboration in Greater Manchester than many other regions; auspicious for the city-regions ability to respond to the issues raised by Grenfell Tower fire.
- Important to ensure that Right to Buy tenants are not forced to pay for the fixing of mixed-tenure tower blocks.

Katie Teasdale

National External Affairs Manager, National Housing Federation; Greater Manchester Housing Providers

- Every tower block in Greater Manchester has now been assessed – response has been on a tower by tower basis.
- For the tower blocks where it is required, 24/7 security has been put in place.
- Greater Manchester Housing Providers want to be as accountable and transparent as possible.

5. Discussion on subjects for future meetings and update on sponsorship

Topics that were raised as by Members for the focus of future meetings included:



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- Q&A with Andy in Manchester
- GMSF incl. housing and town centre regeneration (proposed by Jim McMahon MP)
- Case for financial devolution (proposed by Jim McMahon MP)
- Joint meeting with London APPG
- Transport and Connectivity
- Education/Early Years/Post-16 education
- Health & Social Care
- Community cohesion, inequality and role of third sector (Inclusive growth agenda)
- Infrastructure and investment
- Homelessness (proposed by Yvonne Fovargue MP)

The meeting closed with thanks to all those attending and to DevoConnect for organising the meeting.