



# Gambling Related Harm APPG

## Minutes – GRH APPG AGM

**Date:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020

**Time:** 12:30pm

**Location:** W3, House of Commons

**Chair:** Carolyn Harris MP

**Minutes taken by:** Holly Ramsey, Interel UK

### Members Present

- Carolyn Harris MP
- Ronnie Cowan MP
- Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP
- Lord Foster
- Sir Mark Hendrick MP
- Stuart McDonald MP
- Sammy Wilson MP
- Rt Hon Sir Mike Penning
- Stephen Timms MP
- Gerald Jones MP

### External Guests

- Katherine Morgan - Interel
- Holly Ramsey - Interel
- James Olney - Interel
- Jo Lloyd – Office of Carolyn Harris

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- Carolyn Harris MP welcomed members to the meeting and updated new members of the group about the previous work of the APPG and its current inquiry.
- A short discussion took place on the recent Government announcement to ban the use of gambling with credit cards online and offline. It was noted that this was one of the recommendations in the APPG's interim report published in November.
- Election of officers then took place with unanimous decisions on the following:
  - Carolyn Harris MP – Chair
  - Ronnie Cowan MP – Vice Chair
  - Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP – Vice Chair
  - Lord Foster – Vice Chair
  - Sir Mark Hendrick MP – Vice Chair



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- Stuart McDonald MP – Vice Chair
  - Sammy Wilson MP – Vice Chair
  - Rt Hon Sir Mike Penning – Vice Chair
  - Stephen Timms MP – Treasurer
  - Gerald Jones MP – Secretary
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- Funding and expenditure from the previous session was then presented to the group which was agreed and signed off by members.
  - The Chair said that going forward the group will be funded by Derek Webb. It was also made clear that funders will not set any Agenda the group works to.
  - It was also agreed that Interel will continue as Secretariat for the APPG.
  - The Chair then talked through a suggested work programme for the APPG. She suggested that it was important to conclude the current inquiry into online gambling harms and that she would like the Gambling Commission and the Gambling Minister to appear before the group to give evidence to contribute to the group's final report, which will then be published soon after.
  - The Chair also suggested that the group conduct their own inquiry ahead of the Gambling Act Review and suggest their own recommendations to be made to the review, holding a series of evidence session on key topics to aid the groups final recommendations to the Review.
  - Members agreed with the APPG's work programme and it's approach.
  - The meeting concluded at 1.05pm.