



All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Visitor Economy

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Annual General Meeting - 19 July 2017

Parliamentarians present: Jim Shannon MP, Albert Owen MP, Matt Warman MP, Steve Double MP, John Penrose MP, Peter Aldous MP, Scott Mann MP

Non-parliamentarians present: Ufi Ibrahim - BHA, Vernon Hunte - BHA, Colin Neill - Hospitality Ulster, Willie Macelod - BHA Scotland Director, David Chapman - BHA Wales Director, Jessica Dodds - IHG

1. Introduction from Secretariat

Vernon Hunte welcomed the group to the inaugural meeting of the APPG Visitors' Economy in this parliament.

2. Election of officers

The following officers were elected unanimously.

Chair: Steve Double MP (Conservative)

Vice-Chairs: Albert Owen MP (Labour), Dr Philippa Whitford MP (SNP), Caroline Lucas MP (Green), Jim Shannon MP (DUP), Scott Mann (Conservative)

3. Update from Chair

Steve Double MP, newly elected Chair of the APPG, welcomed the group to the 2017 AGM and informal drinks reception. He confirmed that the group will be finalising its inquiry on coastal community. He emphasised the importance of hospitality and tourism to the UK's economy and to his constituency St Austell and Newquay. Steve also highlighted the industry would be particularly effected by Brexit and that the APPG should be used to champion the views of the UK's fourth largest industry in parliament.

4. Update from Secretariat

Vernon Hunte raised two topics as possible APPG themes; Brexit or the Sharing Economy. The group unanimously decided to focus on the sharing economy. It was agreed that the inquiry will start in October after summer recess will take expert evidence on the benefits of the sharing economy, the case for regulation and other issues including the impact on supply of rented accommodation, taxation and anti-social behaviour.

5. AOB

Next APPG meeting will be held in October. To attend please email appg@bha.org.uk