**APPG on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery**

**AGM**

**12th September 2017, 5pm, Portcullis House Room M**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Baroness Butler-Sloss

Vernon Coaker MP

Yvonne Favargue MP

Andrew Selous MP

Heidi Allen MP

Jess Phillips MP

Alex Norris MP

Lord Gordon of Strathblane

Lord McColl

Lord Bishop of Derby

Lord Hylton

Rachel Evans (Office of Stephen Timms MP)

Emma Collingbine (Office of Vernon Coaker MP)

Anthony Steen (Special Advisor)

Euan Fraser (HTF Secretariat)

Kate Roberts (HTF Secretariat)

**AGM Officer Elections:**

Vernon Coaker MP nominated Baroness Butler-Sloss to continue as Co-Chair of the APPG, seconded by the Bishop of Derby

Baroness Butler-Sloss nominated Vernon Coaker MP to be Chair of the APPG, seconded by Andrew Selous MP.

Baroness Butler-Sloss proposed the re-election of officers from the previous parliament: Jess Phillips MP (Vice Chair) and Maggie Throup MP (Secretary), seconded by Andrew Selous MP

Baroness Butler-Sloss proposed Andrew Selous MP (Vice Chair), Sarah Champion MP (Vice Chair) and Lord McColl (Secretary), seconded by Andew Selous MP.

Jess Phillips MP proposed Heidi Allen MP (Treasurer), seconded by Vernon Coaker MP

*Final list of officers:*

Commons Co-Chair – Vernon Coaker MP

Lords Co-Chair - Baroness Butler-Sloss

Vice-Chair - Jess Philips MP

Vice-Chair – Andrew Selous MP

Vice-Chair – Sarah Champion MP

Treasurer – Heidi Allen MP

Secretary - Maggie Throup MP

Secretary – Lord McColl

All officers unanimously elected.

Baroness Butler-Sloss proposed the appointment of Anthony Steen as Special Advisor to the APPG. Seconded by Vernon Coaker MP.

Baroness Butler-Sloss proposed the appointment of the Human Trafficking Foundation as secretariat to the APPG. Seconded by Vernon Coaker MP.

**Issues for the APPG to consider:**

Following the election of officers, there was a discussion as to the issues which the APPG might consider addressing and actions to take in the coming months. These included:

1. Victim Support, particularly following identification
* Co-op Bright Future project providing employment opportunities to survivors of modern slavery
* Private Members Bill on victim support introduced by Lord McColl
* Visiting support service providers
* Backbench debate on victim support
* Statutory Guidance on victim support, as provided for by the Modern Slavery Act
1. Training for NHS staff to help spot the signs of human trafficking
2. Inviting the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner to update the group on his work
3. Following the inquiry by the Work and Pensions Committee, pursuing each Select Committee to consider how they can contribute to tackling modern slavery and protecting victims
4. Driving forward the findings from Fiona Mactaggart and Baroness Butler- Sloss’ inquiry into separated and unaccompanied minors
5. Meeting with the Home Secretary

Meeting Ends 5.25pm