

## **APPG Chairs Meeting with Tony's Chocolonely**

Tony's Chocolonely is a Fairtrade chocolate company whose mission is to eliminate child labour and modern slavery from the cocoa sector.

Tony's uses 5 sourcing principles to combat child labour and modern slavery in its supply chain: 100% traceability of their cocoa beans; paying a higher price so cocoa farmers can earn a living income; working with cooperatives to make cocoa farming safe and sustainable; long-term contracts (minimum 5 years) to give farmers income security; and, investing in agricultural knowledge and skills so farmers can generate more income from their farms.

The company is advocating that amendments to the Modern Slavery Act (MSA) be brought forward as soon as possible, and also supports new, broader mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation in the UK. A discussion followed around the legislative approaches being taken on due diligence in other countries and in the EU, as well as on possible amendments to the MSA which would help to strengthen reporting under Section 54 Transparency in Supply Chains. Proposals to amendments included lowering the threshold for mandatory reporting so that more companies are in scope, identifying those sectors particularly at risk such as cocoa, and making the information readily available to consumers so they may make informed choices about the products they purchase.