



Gambling Reform APPG Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: 21st January 2026

Time: 10:00-11:00 am

Location: Room U, Portcullis House

External Chair: Sir Alec Shelbrooke MP

Minutes Taken By: Lewis Klein, DGA Group

Members Present:

- The Rt Hon. Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP
- Alex Ballinger MP
- Dr Beccy Cooper MP
- The Rt Hon. the Lord Foster of Bath
- Abtisam Mohammed MP
- John Grady MP
- John Slinger MP
- Dawn Butler MP

External Guests:

- Katherine Morgan, DGA Group
- Lewis Klein, DGA Group
- Isabel Pyle, DGA Group

Gambling Reform APPG AGM Minutes:

The Chair & Officers

- The Group move to elect the Co-Chairs and Vice-Chairs as follows:
 - The Rt Hon. Iain Duncan Smith MP – Co-Chair
 - Alex Ballinger MP – Co-Chair
 - The Rt Hon. the Lord Foster of Bath – Vice-Chair
 - Dr Beccy Cooper MP – Vice-Chair

Election of Secretariat

- The Group moved to elect the Secretariat, DGA Group.
- DGA Group outlined their role in bringing about the APPG on Gambling Reform and the long-standing work they have undertaken on the issue of gambling reform.
- DGA Group was unanimously voted as Secretariat for the APPG.

Funding of the Group

- The Group moved to outline funding of the APPG.
- The Secretariat outlined Derek Webb's role as a funder of the APPG.
- The funding arrangements were agreed.



Discussion of Proposed Workplan

- The Group discussed their work programme for 2026 and future direction of the APPG.
- The Secretariat presented an ambitious workplan that builds on the Group's activity over the past year and sets out a clear direction for the period ahead.
- This includes advancing the APPG's inquiry and parliamentary work through targeted evidence sessions, interim reporting, consultation responses, parliamentary questions, and support for local and national campaigns, helping to sustain momentum and scrutiny on key gambling reform issues.
- The workplan is structured around three core areas of focus: gambling advertising, marketing and sponsorship; the regulation of land-based gambling; and new and emerging technologies.
- Members present agreed to pursue the proposed workplan presented to the group.
- Sir Iain Duncan Smith thanked everyone for their attendance and concluded the meeting.