

APPG for Night Time Economy Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date : 21st January 2025

Time: 14.00pm - 15.00pm

Location : 1 Parliament Street, Room C

Attendees:

Paul Kohler MP, Katrina Murray MP, Will Stone MP, Dan Aldridge MP, Alex Macintyre MP, Lauren Edwards MP, Clive Lewis MP, Bayo Alaba MP, Alex Sobel MP, Michael Kill - NTIA, CEO, Jake Reed - NTIA, Public Affairs

Introduction and quorum check

- Paul Kohler MP introduced the general purpose and importance of the Night-Time Economy APPG
- Paul confirmed quorum of 5 minimum MPs in physical attendance was met

Election of Chair

- Paul outlined the role of the Chair and stated his nomination for election
- Paul asked if there were any other nominees for Chair - attendees confirmed not
- Paul asked attendees if there were any objections or concerns to his nomination - none raised
- Paul uncontested and unanimously agreed as APPG Chair

Election of Officers - Vice Chairs

- Paul outlined the role of Vice Chairs, and read out the nominees in full, before moving to election by show of hands
- Katrina Murray MP (Lab) - agreed, unanimous in favour
- Will Stone MP (Lab) - agreed, unanimous in favour
- Andrew Snowden MP (Con) - agreed, unanimous in favour
- Paul confirmed the elected set of Officers met the quorum requirements

Election of Secretariat

- Paul outlined role of secretariat, nomination and background of NTIA
- Members elected NTIA uncontested and unanimously

Purpose of APPG

- Paul outlined value of the night-time economy, issues in his constituency, how this is true across country, before summarising the general role of the APPG
- Mike (NTIA) provided further background and stats on value and importance of NTE
- Dan Aldridge MP stated he is keen for regular stats that cover constituency level too
- Mike agreed and stated it will be an aim for CGA/other stats the NTIA and APPG help provide. Data was agreed as vitally important, and being able to track it.
- Mike noted an APPG can absolutely cover an annual report which addresses this need, to inform policy, strategy, etc
- Attendees agreed on the name and overarching purpose of the APPG

APPG priorities

- Attendees discussed their interests and suggested priorities for the APPGs work
- Town centres and high streets were agreed as important given clear need and government priority focus
- Sharing learning - and how to facilitate this
- Diversifying of spaces - e.g. nightclubs
- Identifying key threats and future of the NTE - and a clear map of how we get there
 - Working in partnership with, and bringing in the sector
 - Evidence session early on to understand the issues agreed as valuable
- Adapting to reduced consumer spending (and changed habits)
 - What can operators do vs consumers/initiatives
- Transport access to NTE
- Devolved aspects for NTE policy/support - particularly given Government focus and recent Devolution Paper

Next steps

- Paul and Mike summarised key next steps following the initial session as below
- Priorities to be fleshed out by sharing a brief and a write-up to help inform next session, which should include an evidence hearing from industry, breaking down issues, opportunities
- Secretariat with Chair and Officers to formalise APPG through notifying Registry Office Commissioner, completing necessary process
- Secretariat to support scheduling next meeting

AOB

- No AOB raised