



NORTHERN CULTURE APPG

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

VENUE: Room B, 1 Parliament Street

TIME AND DATE: 16:00-16:30, Tuesday 15th March 2022

NON-VERBATIM MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Julie Elliott MP (Co-Chair)

Liz Twist MP

Mike Amesbury MP

Mary Glendon MP

Barbara Keeley MP

Jeff Smith MP

Christian Mathieson MP

Peter Gibson MP

APOLOGIES RECEIVED:

James Daly MP (Co-Chair)

Alex Sobel MP

Tony Lloyd MP

Jason McCartney MP

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Julie Elliott MP (Co-Chair) welcomed everyone and acknowledged the success of NC APPG's 'The Case for Culture Report'. Julie Elliott, talked about the impact that the report has had, including the recent announcement by DCMS, to provide £75 million by 2025 to places which have been culturally under-served in the past.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers of the Northern Culture APPG have confirmed that they wish to remain as officers and were re-elected unopposed:

- Co-Chair: James Daly MP
- Co-Chair: Julie Elliott MP
- Vice-Chair: Alex Sobel MP
- Vice-Chair: Jason McCartney MP



- Secretary: Tony Lloyd MP

The following Parliamentarians had put their names forward to become Officers. All were nominated and duly elected unopposed:

- The Most Rev and the Rt Hon the Lord Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell – N/A
- The Rt Rev the Lord Bishop of Leeds, Nicholas Baines – N/A
- Lord Storey CBE – Liberal Democrats

REGISTERED CONTACT AND SECRETARIAT:

It was agreed that DevoConnect, Secretariat, NC APPG would continue as the Secretariat and named contact for the Northern Culture APPG.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 'A QUESTION OF SPORT' INQUIRY:

Julie Elliott MP (Co-Chair) announced the proposed programme for the next year, 'A QUESTION OF SPORT: An Inquiry into the cultural value of sport to the North's cities, towns and communities. The Inquiry will build on the findings and recommendations made in the *Case for Culture – Levelling Up Inquiry* – but look specifically at defining the major role sport plays across the North in terms of shaping the North's cultural identity and value.

There will be 3 evidence sessions geared to addressing 3 Questions:

- What is needed to boost the cultural value of sport and build stronger communities across the North?
- How much more cultural value could sport add to levelling up opportunities and access to culture?
- How can sport drive cultural value, identity and diversity and contribute to the North's rich seam of talent?

Julie Elliott MP (Co-Chair) encouraged MPs to participate and to come forward with any questions or ideas to support the Inquiry. She added that it was hoped that the Northern Culture APPG would be able to do site visits or hold events in great examples of the North's cultural infrastructure and sites – to showcase its rich seam of talent and make the case for Northern Culture.

CLOSING REMARKS

Attendees agreed that the 'Value of Sport' Inquiry provided a good opportunity for the Northern Culture APPG to set the agenda and drive collaboration and consensus across the North.



Julie Elliott MP (Co-Chair) thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the discussion.

These minutes were prepared by DevoConnect who provide the secretariat for the Northern Culture APPG. For further information about the group contact info@devoconnect.co.uk