

APPG on  
Social Media



## **All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Media AGM**

**Wednesday 10 May 2023**

**10.45 am Room T, Portcullis House**

### **Attendees**

Luke Pollard MP  
Heather Wheeler MP  
Vicky Ford MP  
Alex Norris MP  
Nick Fletcher MP

### **Apologies**

Baroness Brady of Knightsbridge CBE  
Chris Elmore MP  
Bambos Charalambous MP  
Baroness Healy of Primrose Hill  
Maria Miller MP  
Lord Flight  
Baroness Finlay  
Lord Lipsey  
Peter Bottomley MP

### **1. Welcome to the Groups AGM and update on Groups activity in the past year- Luke Pollard MP (Chair of APPG)**

Luke Pollard MP welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

### **2. Confirmation of benefits in kind the group has received (Secretariat)- Charlotte Aynsley, UK Safer Internet Centre**

Charlotte Aynsley (secretariat) informed the group that there was no need to publish an income and expenditure statement as the cost of the Secretariat's time does not meet the threshold.

### **3. Election of officers-**

**a. Proposed- Vicky Ford (for Chair), Lord Lipsey (Secretary), Bambos Charalambous (Vice Chair), Baroness Brady (Vice Chair)**

Luke Pollard MP confirmed that he would be standing down as chair of the Group. He proposed Vicky Ford MP as the new Chair, the Group unanimously agreed.

Luke advised the Group that he would like to continue his involvement as a Vice Chair, the Group agreed.

Vicky Ford (the new Chair) informed the group that Caroline Dinenage MP has expressed an interest in becoming a Vice Chair of the Group. The Group agreed.

Lord Lipsey (Secretary), Bambos Charalambous (Vice Chair), Chris Elmore MP and Baroness Brady (Vice Chair) to remain in their roles.

The Group thanked Luke Pollard MP for his work to date.

**4. Appointment of Secretariat**

**a. Proposed- The UK Safer Internet Centre, led by the Internet Watch Foundation, continue as Secretariat subject to approval from Parliamentarians.**

Vicky Ford nominated the UK Safer Internet Centre to remain as the secretariat, the Group unanimously agreed.

**5. Closing Remarks (Vicky Ford- new Chair of the APPG on Social Media)- with thanks to Luke Pollard MP.**

Luke Pollard informed the Group about previous topics including how does violent misogyny translate into incel culture. He said they had had some very insightful and informative discussions.

The Group discussed possible future topics meetings and Vicky Ford proposed two future topics, the Group agreed the following:

- A meeting on end-to-end encryption (possibly June)
- A meeting briefing members on the Online Safety Bill before it comes back into the House of Commons

The Group discussed a name change to better represent discussions and the purpose. They agreed that online safety should feature in the title of the Group, a revised name of Social Media and Online Safety on Social Media was agreed.

Vicky Ford informed the Group about her longstanding involvement with the IWF and suggested that members might want to visit in order to better inform themselves about the work of the UK Safer Internet Centre. Members expressed an interest in visiting the IWF and other UKSIC organisations.

**Actions:**

- Secretariat to contact members and arrange a visit to IWF and others
- Secretariat to contact appropriate authorities and change name of group
- Secretariat to register the result of the AGM with the appropriate authorities
- Secretariat to update website and include name change.