

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

20th November 2024 Inaugural Meeting

Minutes

Attendees

Baroness Butler-Sloss
Baroness Mobarik
Baroness O'Grady
Blair McDougall MP
Chris Murray MP
Dame Karen Bradley MP
Dr Rosena Allin-Khan MP
Lord Hogan-Howe
Lord McColl (representative)
Lord Whitty
Mike Reader MP
Sarah Champion MP (representative)
Sarah Russell MP
Tom Collins MP
Alistair Redfern
Rebecca Kirby
Robyn Phillips (HTF)
Nick Herbert (HTF)
Divya Emmi (HTF)

Apologies were received from other members.

Election of Officers

Dame Karen Bradley MP and Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss were proposed and seconded as Chair and Co-Chair and were duly elected. Rosena Allin-Khan MP was proposed and seconded as Officer and was duly elected. Lord Randall of Uxbridge was proposed and seconded as Officer in his absence but has since proposed Tom Collins MP as Officer. This was agreed by the Chairs and Tom Collins MP has been duly elected. It was confirmed that the Human Trafficking Foundation will continue to act as Secretariat.

Terms of Reference

It was suggested to strengthen Objective 3 and to include trade unions in the mention of stakeholders. The Terms of Reference was signed off by members.

Discussion on Priority Areas

Particular areas of interest highlighted by members included strengthening the Modern Slavery Act 2015, the organised crime element of modern slavery, child trafficking, exploitation in the care sector, the role of local authorities, online harm, increasing trust in the National Referral

Mechanism, orphanage trafficking, exploitation in the production of solar panels and prevention of labour exploitation in the construction sector.

It was agreed that an event would be held to recognise the 10-year anniversary of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, and a proposal would be sent to the Backbench debate committee to request a debate on modern slavery ten years on from the Act.

An additional four events were proposed for consideration for 2025:

- Transparency in supply chains
- Exploitation in the care sector
- Child trafficking
- Engagement with Police & Crime Commissioners re. organised crime and assets

It was suggested that the Human Trafficking Foundation would arrange a visit for members of the APPG to meet with a frontline charity and people with lived experience of modern slavery.

Dame Karen Bradley MP closed the meeting by thanking the group for their engagement and commitment to tackling human trafficking and modern slavery.