



All-Party Parliamentary Group on Local Government

2023 Annual Report

Summary

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Local Government held its Annual General Meeting on 29th March 2023, where officers were elected and important issues related to local government finance, leadership, and healthcare were discussed. The group also hosted a Summer Reception on 18th July, which saw the launch of LGIU's report on parking strategies and innovations. The past year has been marked by several challenges and opportunities for local government, and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Local Government has been at the forefront of addressing these issues.

29 March 2023 - Annual General Meeting

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Local Government held its Annual General Meeting on 29th March 2023. The group elected officers, including Chris Clarkson MP as Chair and Registered Contact and Paulette Hamilton MP as Vice-Chair. The group then discussed the LGIU's 2023 State of Local Government Finance report, which noted that half of all councils in England were dipping into reserves year after year. The group also discussed the need for strong leadership and different resources and strategies in different places, as well as the challenges of fiscal devolution and the integration of health and social care. The group expressed interest in exploring these issues further in future meetings.

18 July 2023 - Summer Reception 2023

On Tuesday 18th July, the APPG on Local Government hosted its Summer Reception at the House of Commons Terrace, with the LGIU providing secretariat support. The event saw the launch of LGIU's new report titled "Parking Strategies and Innovations," which provides insights on local authority views and awareness of new developments in parking, as well as the sector's approach to parking strategies. The report and Summer Reception were both supported by RingGo. The event saw speeches from various speakers, including Chris Clarkson MP, Local Government Minister Lee Rowley MP, and Peter Driscoll, Managing Director at RingGo, who spoke about the potential opportunities of an open market in parking for local authorities. The evening was an enjoyable and informative one, with lively conversations and a beautiful setting.

Conclusion

As we look back on the events and discussions of the past year, it is clear that the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Local Government has played a crucial role in promoting the interests of local governments and advocating for their needs. The group has provided a platform for policymakers, experts, and stakeholders to come together and exchange ideas on a range of issues related to local governance, finance, and healthcare. Moving forward, the group remains committed to supporting local government and ensuring that it has the resources and strategies it needs to serve communities effectively.