**All-Party Parliamentary Group on Young Carers and Young Adult Carers**

**Inaugural Meeting – minutes**

Wednesday 20July 2022

Room M, Portcullis House, Bridge Street, London, SW1A 2LW

**Parliamentarians present:**

Duncan Baker MP

Peter Bottomley MP

Kate Green MP

Gillian Greenwood MP

Racheal Hopkins MP

Mark Tami MP

Liz Twist MP

Lord Young of Cookham

**Others present:**

Laura Bennett (Head of Policy and External Affairs, Carers Trust)

Corinne Linnecar (Policy and External Affairs Officer Young Carers and Young Adult Carers, Carers Trust)

Emma Saunders (Policy and External Affairs Intern, Carers Trust)

Pippa Sparke (Office of Paul Blomfield)

Rosy Roche (Office of Paul Blomfield)

1. **Welcome**
	1. Duncan Baker MP, who chaired the meeting, welcomed attendees to the inaugural meeting of the APPG on Young Carers and Young Adult Carers.
2. **Election of officers**

2.1 The following parliamentarians were elected as officers of the group:

Chair: Paul Blomfield MP

Vice-Chair: Duncan Baker MP

Vice-Chair: Ed Davey MP

Vice-Chair: Barbara Keeley MP

Officer: Fleur Anderson MP

Officer: Gill Furniss MP

1. **Election of the Secretariat**
	1. Carers Trust were elected as Secretariat of the group
2. **Agenda of work**
	1. Laura Bennett outlined key areas which the APPG may look to focus their work on including the People at the Heart of Care: Adult Social Care Reform White Paper; the introduction of young carers in the schools census; the inclusion of self-identification for unpaid carers on UCAS applications and the broad range of issues which impact young carers and young adult carers employability.
	2. Duncan Baker raised issues around the lack of funding available for young carers and the depletion of services for young people.
	3. Liz Twist spoke of the issues in accessing funding even when it is available.
3. **Next meeting of the APPG**
	1. The next meeting to be held after party conferences. Details to follow shortly.
4. **AOB**

6.1 None.