



All-Party Parliamentary Group on Rural Services
10th September 2024 at 1pm
Room Q, Portcullis House, London

INAUGURAL MEETING

1. Present

Constituency	MP Name
Banbury	Sean Woodcock
Bexhill and Battle	Dr Kieran Mullan
Bishop Auckland	Sam Rushworth
Bridgewater	Ashley Fox
Cambourne & Redruth	Perran Moon
Carlisle	Julie Minns
Chippenham	Sarah Gibson
Glastonbury & Somerton	Sarah Dyke
Herefordshire and South Herefordshire	Jesse Norman
High Peak	Jon Pearce
Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland	Luke Myer
Newton Abbot	Martin Wrigley
North Northumberland	David Smith
North Shropshire	Helen Morgan
North West Cambridgeshire	Sam Carling
South Cotswolds	Dr Roz Savage
South Devon	Caroline Voaden
Truro & Falmouth	Jayne Kirkham
West Lancashire	Ashley Dalton
Whitney	Charlie Maynard

In attendance

Kerry Booth, (RSN -Secretariat) plus

Constituency	Name
Bexhill and Battle	Juan Anzola on behalf of Dr Kieran Mullan MP
Mid Bedfordshire	Matthew Cowley on behalf of Blake Stephenson MP

2. Apologies for absence

Constituency	MP Name
Calder Valley	Josh Fenton-Glynn
Hastings and Rye	Helena Dollimore
Maldon	Rt Hon Sir John Whittingdale OBE
Mid Bedfordshire	Blake Stephenson
Mid Buckinghamshire	Greg Smith
Mid Dorset & North Poole	Vikki Slade
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Adam Jogee
North Herefordshire	Ellie Chowns
Ribble Valley	Maya Ellis
Shrewsbury	Julia Buckley
South Shropshire	Stuart Anderson
South West Devon	Rebecca Smith
Stratford-on-Avon	Manuela Perteghella
West Worcestershire	Dame Harriett Baldwin DBE
House of Lords	Peer
APPG Member (HofL)	Lord John Taylor
APPG Member (HofL)	Lord Rupert Carrington
APPG Member (HofL)	Lord Ewen Cameron
APPG Member (HofL)	Lord James Crathorne KCVO

3. Introduction

Kerry Booth, Chief Executive of the Rural Services Network (Secretariat), welcomed those in attendance. She provided a brief summary to the Rural Services Network and the work of the previous APPG for Rural Services.

4. Appointment of Officers

A vote was held by those present and the following were unanimously elected to the following positions:

Chair:	Sarah Dyke MP (Lib Dem)
Vice Chair:	Sam Rushworth MP (Labour)
Secretary:	Dr Kieran Mullan MP (Conservative)
Treasurer:	Joe Morris MP (Labour)

5. Future Work of the Group

There was a wide-ranging discussion about potential priority areas for the work of the APPG to consider.

The following were agreed by all present, as the areas for discussion over the next 12 months (subject to other matters arising needing urgent consideration):

- **Rural Fair Funding of Public Services**
- **Rural Economy (with a focus on growth and skills)**
- **Rural Transport**
- **Rural Affordable Housing**
- **Rural Health and Care**

6. Date of Next Meeting:

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 1.30 p.m.