

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Liverpool City Region All-Party Parliamentary Group
11:00-12:00, Wednesday 10th May
Room C, 1 Parliament Street,

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair, Liverpool City Region APPG

Kim Johnson MP welcomes Parliamentarians in attendance.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following Officers to be elected:

- **Co Chair and Registered Contact:** Peter Dowd MP, Liverpool Bootle Labour
- **Co Chair:** Margaret Greenwood MP, Wirral West, Labour
- **Co Chair:** Mick Whitley, Birkenhead, Labour

Stepping down from **Chair** to **Vice-Chair:** Kim Johnson MP, Liverpool Riverside

Treasurer: Lord Hunt of Wirral, Conservative

- **Vice-Chair:** Derek Twigg MP, Halton, Labour
- **Vice-Chair:** Ian Byrne MP, West Derby, Labour
- **Vice-Chair:** Marie Rimmer MP, St Helens South and Whiston, Labour
- **Vice-Chair:** Mike Amesbury MP, Weaver Vale, Labour
- **Vice-Chair:** Paula Barker MP, Liverpool Wavertree, Labour
- **Vice-Chair:** Sir George Howarth MP, Knowsley, Labour
- **Vice-Chair:** The Lord Alton of Liverpool
- **Vice-Chair:** The Rt Hon. the Lord Heseltine CH
- **Vice-Chair:** Kim Johnson MP, Liverpool Riverside

Once the Officers in attendance have approved the changes, the new **Co-Chair** and **Registered Contact**, Peter Dowd MP, proceeds with the session.

3. CONFIRMATION OF REGISTERED CONTACT AND SECRETARIAT

DevoConnect was confirmed as the Secretariat.

4. APPROVAL OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

The Chair approved the Income and Expenditure Statement.

Income: 25,000-29,000 GBP

Sponsors: Liverpool Housing Providers, Atkins, The MTC Liverpool, Scottish Power, United Utilities

5. RUNNING PROGRAMME 2023/24

Discussion of and any contributions to the running programme, which stands as follows:

For the year **2023/24**, the programme will run on the theme of both social and economic opportunities or challenges created for the Liverpool City Region through the Green Industrial Revolution.

March 17th: Unlocking Opportunities: The Next Generation

This session, run as a site visit at the MTC Liverpool followed by a panel-led meeting, looked at creating visibility of and pathways into green industries for the next generation of workers, addressing barriers to working for young people, and providing alternative routes into education and upskilling.

Early June: Unlocking Opportunities: Housing

The housing session will be structured as a site visit in partnership with Liverpool Housing Associations, looking at retrofit, energy efficiency, providing 'healthy' housing infrastructure, and creating places that truly benefit the local community.

July: Collaboration Session with GMWG

This session will be held in Parliament in collaboration with the Liverpool City Region APPG and the Greater Manchester Westminster Group. The session will focus on policy & best practice exchange between the two areas, unifying the voice of the North West, with the potential to launch a joint report for the government.

September 8th: Unlocking Opportunities: Green Skills & Energy

This session will run as a site visit to the innovative Hoylake Training Centre run by Scottish Power. This session will focus on the Green Industrial Revolution, looking at the progress Scottish Power made upskilling workers for the green transition, and how this progress can be practiced throughout the city region.

October: Party Conferences

Looking at showcasing the fantastic innovation and cultural wealth within the Liverpool City Region at party conferences, with the possibility of launching a shared report with sponsors.

November: Unlocking Opportunities: Innovation

This session will look at the trailblazing innovation happening within the LCR. The rapid advancement of green technologies, as well as progress in business innovation, provides significant opportunities for the region. This session may be run as part of a site visit to the Daresbury Sci-Tech facility.

Other Opportunities

Outside of the APPG programme, there is an opportunity to run **policy forums** with key leaders of the city region - the MPs, the Mayor's Office, and the Combined Authority. These sessions would be designed to ascertain what the city region wants and needs from a future government, linking to trailblazer negotiations, and manifesto influencing. The APPG's academic partner, the Heseltine Institute of Public Policy, can write up the policy report accordingly with the recommendations established. Other sponsors of the group, as industry leaders in the local economy, may also contribute.

6. CLOSING REMARKS

Chair, Liverpool City Region APPG

Thanks all for attending and winds down the session by summarising any points of consensus or changes moving forward.

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IN ATTENDANCE:

- Kim Johnson MP
- Mick Whitley MP
- Ellie Reeves MP - Seconder
- Florence Eshalomi MP - Proposer
- Mike Kane MP
- Abena Oppong-Asare MP-

APOLOGIES:

- Lord Hunt of Wirral
- Derek Twigg MP
- Ian Byrne MP
- Marie Rimmer MP
- Mike Amesbury MP
- Paula Barker MP
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