APPG on Social Integration First Official Meeting Minutes, 12.30pm-1pm, 23rd March 2016

Minutes taken by: Anna Kere, The Challenge

Present (Parliamentarians):

- Chuka Umunna (Labour)
- James Berry (Conservative)
- Gavin Robinson (DUP)
- Mark Durkan (SDLP)
- Suella Fernandes (Conservative)

Present (Others):

- Justin Meadows (Chuka Umunna's Head of Office)
- Richard Bell, The Challenge (Secretariat)
- Anna Kere, The Challenge (Secretariat/minutes)

1. Introduction

1.1. Chuka Umunna MP welcomed attendees to the meeting. He spoke about his motivations for setting up the APPG and emphasised the need to de-toxify the debates around immigration and social security through talking about social integration.

1.2. The primary purpose of this inaugural meeting is to formalise the group and elect its officers.

2. Background to the APPG

2.1. Richard Bell, Public Affairs and Policy Manager at The Challenge, was invited to say a few words about The Challenge as an organisation and the rationale behind setting up an APPG on Social Integration. He spoke about social integration as an issue and detailed how it is designed into the programmes ran by The Challenge. There is a clear opportunity for Parliament to take a leading role in moving the discussion on social integration forward, engaging with multiple stakeholder groups and with the wider public.

3. Election of Officers

3.1. It was moved that Chair of the APPG is Chuka Umunna MP. All voted in favour.

3.2. It was moved that Vice-Chairs are James Berry MP and Naz Shah MP (in absence). All voted in favour.

3.3. It was moved that Lord Maurice Glassman will be a Vice-Chair (in absence). All voted in favour.

3.4. It was moved that the following parliamentarians will be APPG Officers:

- Keith Vaz MP (in absence)
- Rushanara Ali MP (in absence)
- Nusrat Ghani MP (in absence)
- Jim McMahon MP (in absence)
- Jon Cruddas MP (in absence)
- Baroness Stroud (in absence)
- Ruth Smeeth MP (in absence)
- Mr David Davis MP (in absence)
- Tulip Siddiq MP (in absence)
- Mr David Lammy MP (in absence)
- Lord Adebowale (in absence)

4. Work of the APPG

4.1. It was decided that the APPG will function on the model of a Committee and further details will be decided at next meeting.

5. Next Steps and Date of next meeting

5.1. Next meeting will take place on 23 May 2016.

6. AOB

Meeting ended at 1pm