PARLIAMENTARY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

An All-Party Parliamentary Group

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
PARLIAMENTARY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE APPG
held on Monday 19th October 2026 at 1.00pm
Committee Room C, 1 Parliament Street

The meeting was Chaired by Sir Desmond Swayne MP

MINUTES

Present:
Julia Buckley MP
Sam Carling MP
Lauren Edwards MP
Baroness Freeman
Warinder Juss MP
Baroness Neville-Jones
Viscount Stansgate
Steve Witherden MP

Leigh Jeffes, Karen Smith, Kinga Panczak and John Slater were in attendance.

1. **Welcome and Introduction**
Sam Carling MP welcomed all present to the Annual General Meeting.

Sir Desmond Swayne MP confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

2. **Apologies for Absence**:
Baroness Bottomley of Nettlestone
Lord Foulkes of Cumnock
George Freeman FRSA FRSG MP
Lord Hannett of Everton OBE
Graham Leadbitter MP
Lord Mair
Lord Oates
Lord Rooker
Ian Sollom MP
Baroness Stone
Lord Tarassenko
Lord Taylor of Holbeach
Baroness Walmsley
Lord Willetts

3 **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** held on Monday 27th October 2025 had been circulated and were approved.

4. The election of Chair and three other officers to the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee
(All- Party Parliamentary Subject Group)

Sam Carling MP confirmed his willingness to stand as Chair and Registered Contact for the APPG.

George Freeman FRSA FRSG MP, Viscount Stansgate and Baroness Walmsley had also confirmed their willingness to stand as Officers of the APPG.

Sam Carling MP proposed that they should be elected:

Sam Carling MP	Chair and Registered Contact
George Freeman FRSA MP	Co- Chair
Viscount Stansgate	President
Baroness Walmsley	Vice-Chair

This was agreed nem-con

5 Income and Expenditure Statement for the reporting year - 30 July 2025 to 29 July 2026

This had been circulated together with the Management Accounts for 2025.
A copy of the Statement is available on the Committee's website:
https://www.scienceinparliament.org.uk/annual-reports

Sam Carling MP proposed that the Income and Expenditure Statement should be approved and this was agreed nem-con.

6 Annual Report for 2025

The report had been circulated.
A copy of the Report is available on the Committee's website:
https://www.scienceinparliament.org.uk/annual-reports

Sam Carling MP proposed that the Annual Report should be approved and this was agreed nem-con.

7. Due Diligence Statement in relation to foreign government funding

The Statement had been circulated**.**

A copy of the Due DiligenceSatement is available on the Committee's website: https://www.scienceinparliament.org.uk/annual-reports

Sam Carling MP proposed that the Statement should be approved, this was agreed nem-con.

8. Business from the Chair

None.

The meeting ended at 1.22pm