



PARLIAMENTARY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

An All-Party Parliamentary Group



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE APPG held on Monday 27th October 2025 at 1.00pm Committee Room 7

The meeting was Chaired by the Rt. Hon. Esther McVey MP

MINUTES

Present:

Dan Aldridge MP
Baroness Bottomley
Sam Carling MP
Lord Clement-Jones
Baroness Freeman
Lord Mair CBE
Jack Rankin MP
Lord Shamash
Dr Adam Thompson MP
Viscount Stansgate

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

1. Welcome and Introduction

Sam Carling MP welcomed all present to the Annual General Meeting.

The Rt. Hon. Esther McVey confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

2. Apologies for Absence:

Dr Danny Chambers MP
Lord Foulkes
George Freeman FRSA MP
Lord Hacking
Chi Onwurah MP
Baroness Northover
Lord Rooker
Lord Tarassenko
Lord Taylor of Holbeach
Lord Trees
Baroness Walmsley

- 3 **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** held on Monday 15th April 2024 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 MP, Viscount Stansgate and Baroness Walmsley had also confirmed their willingness to stand as Officers of the APPG.

Sam Carling 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 2024 to 29 July 2025.**

This had been circulated together with the Management Accounts for 2024.

A copy of the Statement is available on the Committee's website:

<https://www.scienceinparliament.org.uk/publications/annual-reports/>

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

6 **Annual Report for 2024**

The report had been circulated.

A copy of the Report is available on the Committee's website:

<https://www.scienceinparliament.org.uk/publications/annual-reports>

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

7. Due Diligence Statement in relation to foreign government funding

The Statement had been circulated.

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

8. The addition of the Chair as an Authorised User for the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee Bank Accounts with HSBC

Viscount Stansgate proposed that Sam Carling MP should be added as an Authorised User for the Committee's bank accounts and this was agreed nem-con.

9. Any other Business

Baroness Freeman advised that there was a need to ensure that the Discussion Topics were relevant to the work of Parliamentarians and it was agreed that this should be taken forward.

The meeting ended at 1.12pm

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