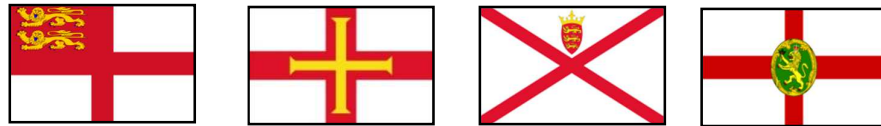


Channel Islands
All-Party Parliamentary Group
Annual General Meeting



Monday 27th June 2016, 5.00 p.m.

Room U, Portcullis House

Agenda

- 1) Opening of Meeting and Apologies for Absence
- 2) Report of the Group's Activities 2015/2016
- 3) Election of Officers
- 4) Discussion on the outcome of the E.U. Referendum
- 5) Updates from Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney & Sark
- 6) Future programme for the group
- 7) Any Other Business

Meeting Close followed by a reception in the C.P.A. Room

Background briefing

This will be the third substantial Channel Islands' APPG meeting of this Parliament. The first was held in November 2015 and attended by the Assistant Chief Minister, Philip Ozouf. ACM gave a short speech at the meeting which covered:

- Domestic update: 70th anniversary of Jersey's liberation from German Occupation & hosting of Island Games.
- International update: economic links with UK, ambassadorial visits to Jersey, ministerial outbound trips e.g. UAE, China, Africa.
- Tax update: DTAs & Automatic Exchange of Information
- Political update: CoM priorities, MTFP, digital & tech sector
- UK relationship: EU referendum, ECHR/UK 'Bill of Rights'

The next CI APPG meeting was held on 29th February 2016. The Chief Minister attended the meeting and the subsequent drinks reception. He gave an update on the key policy issues which we were facing, including:

- EU referendum
- EU Member State blacklists
- BBC Charter Renewal.

Role	Name	Party
Chair & Registered Contact	Andrew Rosindell	Conservative
Co-Chair	Dr Alan Whitehead	Labour
Vice Chair	Angus Brendan MacNeil	Scottish National Party
Vice Chair	Robert Neill	Conservative
Vice Chair	Lord Faulkner of Worcester	Labour
Vice Chair	Lord Kilclooney	Crossbench
Vice Chair	Lord McNally	Liberal Democrat
President	Baroness Pitkeathley	Labour

For information: all members of the CI APPG have been sent invitations from the Chief Minister to the Government of Jersey's Summer Reception on Monday 11th July – responses noted in 'engagement' sections below.

Biographies and Engagement

Andrew Rosindell MP



From 1997-2001, Rosindell was Director of the European Foundation think tank. Following two unsuccessful election campaigns, he was finally elected to Parliament in 2001.

Rosindell was elected a vice-chairman of the Conservative Party in 2004, and in 2005 he became an Opposition Whip. In 2007, he was appointed as a Shadow Minister for Home Affairs with particular responsibility for animal welfare.

Rosindell's political views are firmly right-wing: he is a Eurosceptic and supports the re-introduction of the death penalty and the detention of asylum seekers.

In 2012 Rosindell proposed that Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories should be represented in the UK parliament like dependencies of Australia, Denmark, France and the Netherlands have been.

Andrew is also a member of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee.

Andrew campaigned intensively for Vote Leave. He wrote to the Jersey Evening Post before the referendum to set out his view that 'A vote to leave the EU is essential if the Channel Islands are to remain free, democratic and self-governing.'

Dr Alan Whitehead MP



Alan first gained a seat in Parliament in 1997. He has served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister for Higher and Post 16 Education, and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions.

Alan is currently a Shadow Minister in Labour's Energy and Climate Change Team.

He is also currently a Member of the Energy and Climate Change Select Committee and Chair of the Associate Parliamentary Sustainable Waste Group.

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Angus Brendan MacNeil MP



Angus studied Civil Engineering at Strathclyde University and then worked as a reporter at the BBC in Inverness for two years before becoming a Primary Teacher.

In 2001, Angus first ran in the General Election but was defeated by a Labour candidate. He returned to teaching and then ran for election again in 2005, this time successfully.

He is a member of the SNP’s foreign affairs policy team and has a particular interest in the Crown Dependencies.

Angus also sits on the Liaison Select Committee and Energy and Climate Change Select Committee.

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Bob Neill MP



Bob Neill is a British Barrister. He has served as the MP for Bromley and Chislehurst since a by-election on 29 June 2006, following the death of the previous incumbent.

Bob served on the Justice Select Committee and was appointed as the Shadow London Minister, joining the Shadow Communities & Local Government team. In 2008 he was made Shadow Local Government Minister and Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party.

He served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Communities and Local Government with responsibilities for the Fire Service, Thames Gateway, the Olympics, local government and planning. In September 2012, he was made Vice Chairman of the Conservative party for Local Government.

Bob was re-elected for a third term in May 2015, shortly afterwards being elected on a cross-party basis as Chairman of the Justice Select Committee. He is also the Secretary of the APPG for Gibraltar.

Engagement:

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Lord Faulkner of Worcester



Appointed to the House of Lords in 1999, Lord Faulkner of Worcester was appointed a Lord in Waiting in the Whips' Office in June 2009. His responsibilities covered transport issues, Wales and climate change.

Following the General Election he has relinquished the post of Lord in Waiting, and has been appointed to the panel of members of the House of Lords who act as Deputy Chairmen of Committees.

He has been reinstated as Chairman of the reconstituted War Heritage Group, and returned as Chairman of the British-Taiwan APPG.

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Lord Kilclooney



Lord Kilclooney owns Alpha Newspapers which operates local newspaper titles in Northern Ireland and the Republic.

His political career began in 1965 as an MP in the Northern Ireland House of Commons. He served in the government of Northern Ireland as Minister of State at the Ministry of Home Affairs.

In 1972, he survived an assassination attempt by the IRA – he was shot 5 times in the head but survived, needing extensive reconstructive surgery on his jaw.

Following the 2001 general election, he was created a life peer as Baron Kilclooney of Armagh. He remains the only active politician to have participated in all levels of government in Northern Ireland, from local council, the Parliament of Northern Ireland, Westminster, Europe and all previous failed Assemblies and Conventions.

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Lord McNally



He was raised to a life peerage in 1995 and has had an extensive career in the Lord as Liberal Democrat spokesperson for various subjects including broadcast and home affairs; Deputy Leader (2001-04) and then Leader (2004-13) of the Liberal Democrat Peers.

He was appointed Minister of State and Government Spokesperson, MoJ in 2010. He was the Minister with responsibility for the Crown Dependencies.

Lord McNally resigned as Minister of State for Justice when he became Chair of the Youth Justice Board in December 2013.

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Baroness Pitkeathley



Baroness Pitkeathley is from Guernsey. She was raised to the peerage in 1997 and was made Deputy Speaker of the Lords and Deputy Chair of Committees in 2002.

She was heavily involved in the charity Carers UK and away from her political career she was a social worker as well as working for Carers National Association as the Vice-President and then the Chief Executive.

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