

**Digital Inclusion All Party Parliamentary Group – Inaugural General Meeting – Room Q Portcullis House,
9th October 2024**

1. Welcome & Introductions

In attendance: *Dan Aldridge MP, Lucy Rigby MP, Grahame Morris MP, Kirsty Blackman MP, Will Stone MP, Sadik Al-Hassan MP, Alison Griffiths MP, Adam Thompson MP, Claire Hughes MP, Samantha Niblett MP, Sarah Coombes MP, Julie Minns MP, Tan Dhesi MP, Leigh Ingham MP, Gill German MP, Maya Ellis MP, Matt Turmaine MP.*

2. Election of Parliamentary Co-Chairs and Officers

Dan Aldridge MP & Lucy Rigby MP were elected as Co-Chairs

Lord Clement-Jones and Baroness Verma were elected as Officers

3. Election of Parliamentary Members

- Daniel Aldridge MP
- Lucy Rigby MP
- Lord Clement-Jones
- Baroness Verma
- Lord Knight
- Lord Lucas
- Siobhain McDonagh MP
- Jamie Stone MP
- Baroness Kennedy of Cradley
- Liz Saville-Roberts MP
- Grahame Morris MP
- Navendu Mishra MP
- Lord Watson
- Colum Eastwood MP
- Baroness Cox
- Lord Stone
- Baroness Goudie
- Lord Truscott
- Baroness Lister
- Claire Hughes MP
- Lord Bishop
- Lord Lipsey
- Lord Kamall
- Sarah Dyke MP
- Luke Charters MP
- Samantha Niblett MP
- Leigh Ingham MP
- Sadik Al-Hassan MP

- Sarah Hall MP
- Julie Minns MP
- Tan Dhesi MP
- Maya Ellis MP
- Paul Waugh MP
- Kirsty Blackman MP

4. Approval of Group's Statement

The Secretariat provided the following group statement: “The Digital Inclusion APPG brings together parliamentarians and industry experts to explore policies to improve digital inclusion with the aim to close the digital divide in the UK. We are committed to finding and amplifying ways to enhance access to data and devices and improve digital skills.”

Daniel Aldridge MP proposed to insert “civil society”. This was accepted unanimously.

5. Approval of 2023/24 Income and Expenditure

The income and expenditure was approved. This can be found here [\[LINK\]](#)

6. AOB

Julie Minns MP noted that there is a lot of duplication in this space and that she would welcome a conversation about what is currently being produced by industry to identify where the gaps are.

Maya Ellis MP discussed the gaps between local digital skills partnerships and referenced how the Minister, Chris Bryant MP, has stated that this lies with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology.

It was agreed that the Secretariat would consider these points when working with industry members to develop the programme for the next year. It was agreed that the programme for 2024/25 would be drafted by the secretariat and shared with the parliamentary officers and members for further ideas and sign off.

The Inaugural General Meeting was followed by the launch of the State of the Nation Report in the House of Lords, hosted by Baroness Verma.