**APPG for Tennis Inaugural Meeting**

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 11am

Room S, Portcullis House

**Attendees**

Parliamentarians

1. Toby Perkins MP
2. Helen Grant MP
3. Baroness Lister of Burtersett
4. Gordon McKee MP
5. Tonia Antoniazzi MP
6. Desmond Swayne MP
7. Baroness Lister of Burtersett
8. Baroness Sater
9. Chris Kane MP
10. Alison Griffiths MP
11. Zubir Ahmed MP

External

1. Issy Michelson, LTA Public Policy Manager and APPG for Tennis Secretariat

**Agenda**

1. Formal APPG Business
   1. Reformation of the group
   2. Election of Officers
   3. Confirmation of secretariat
2. Update from the LTA on tennis in Britain
3. Upcoming APPG for Tennis business

**Minutes**

1. **Formal APPG Business** 
   1. **Reformation of the group**

The APPG for Tennis agreed to reform with the following purpose:

*To promote the sport of tennis, and to enable MPs and peers to play tennis matches together and compete with outside tennis teams.*

* 1. **Election of Officers**

Following a contested election the following Officers for the APPG for Tennis were elected:

Chair: Toby Perkins MP, Member of Parliament for Chesterfield

Treasurer: Tonia Antoniazzi MP, Member of Parliament for Gower

Secretary: Helen Grant MP, Member of Parliament for Maidstone and Malling

Vice Chair: Gordon McKee MP, Member of Parliament for Glasgow South

* 1. **Confirmation of secretariat**

The LTA was confirmed as the APPG for Tennis secretariat.

1. **Update from the LTA on tennis in Britain**

The LTA updated on the state of tennis in Britain, including participation levels, performance of elite British tennis players, the progress of the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation investment into park tennis courts across Britain, and the roll out of the LTA Youth Schools teacher training programme.

The LTA outlined their policy priorities for the upcoming year in Parliament, including securing continued UK Government investment in tennis and padel facilities with a particular focus on covered facilities, and reforming PE and school sport.

1. **Upcoming APPG for Tennis business**

The Secretariat confirmed that tennis playing sessions will resume for the autumn term, running every sitting Tuesday and Thursday from 8-9am until November recess.