



East of England All Party Parliamentary Group

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KEYNOTE MINUTES

The Spending Review, Strengthening Advocacy and Agreeing the Future Programme

Wednesday 9th December 10:00 - 11:00

Watch the session back via the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTxzYDDZpZ4&feature=youtu.be>

1. Welcome and Introductions: Peter Aldous MP

- Welcomed everyone to the 6TH and final meeting of the APPG and ran through the agenda
- Agreed minutes of the last meeting on a Net Zero Future

2. Review of the Spending Review – to what extent did it deliver what the APPG, & others, asked for? Steve Barwick, Secretariat, EE APPG

- Highlighted some specifics for the East of England from the spending review including:
 - Providing £39m to Norwich including a mobility hub at Norwich station, and £95m to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to invest in public transport schemes.
 - Building the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing in Norfolk and Lake Lothing Third Crossing in Suffolk.
 - Levelling-up fund for small infrastructure projects is of interest and we wait to see more details about that and how it will be allocated.

Clr Linda Haysey, Chair, EELGA

- 'Goalless draw' – very disappointed from a local government perspective that we haven't got a five-year review, and we need that stability; rolling annual program doesn't get us very far
- We need the level of detail that hasn't come out which causes issues for Councillors and MPs alike
- Changes to the BWLB ability for councils to raise money - East Herts affected re-generation scheme they had on the books – can't use for revenue schemes
- Of course, positives in the green agenda, wind and nuclear are huge potentials for the East of England
- How can we make sure our area is not levelled down? Infrastructure needs to come into our area and are all key to our recovery as a region
- On the whole, we will have to wait to see what comes out in the detail

Lord Alan Haselhurst

- Digital infrastructure is a huge problem, we've read in the papers many times that there will be a £5 billion roll out for this but when will the Government actual commit?
- Total uncertainty and confusion between Openreach and BT
- Extra money has been put in and there needs to be a push for bespoke contracted areas to finish their job – needs to be better liaison between the two

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Cllr Linda Haysey

- Covid has shown us that digital exclusion has become very noticeable, showing the divide in our communities in those who have and have not learnt the skills and have/have not the technology
- If we look at social care through digital input, need to address this across all sector bodies
- Needs to be able to provide constituents with those skills to adapt

Jonathan Djanogly MP

- Where are we generally with East/West connectivity of transport across the region? Where are we placed?

Peter Aldous MP/Steve Barwick

- A47 has a serious concern with lack of speed from a highways England perspective and hopefully 2021 will be a faster year than the last few
- Point was made in the submission in the Spending Review, but the decarbonisation transport strategy might help provide answers to this

Andy Walker – Chamber of Commerce

- East - West rail currently planned to Cambridge
- Stakeholders in Suffolk and Norfolk working together via the consortium to put together a business case.
- East doesn't end in Cambridge and hopefully stakeholders can work together for it to go to Ipswich & Norwich

Peter Aldous MP

- Suggested two letters be drafted to highlight the issues raised:
 - o Letter to DCSMs on digital connectivity in the East
 - o Letter to DfT on East – West road and rail improvements

3. Report back on discussions regards strengthening advocacy for the East of England

Cheryl Davenport, Chief Executive, EELGA

- Arranged for a multi-agency meeting to discuss this with the LEPs, Growth-Boards and the APPG
- Aiming to seek commitment from partners to develop a campaign, including a web-portal development
- Materials would help lobby central government on key issues for the East and inward investment

Duncan Symonds, Director, IFM Investors

- IFM are present in the East through Stansted and Anglian Water
- We should be celebrating the strength of the region's diversity and there is a huge importance to give the region a voice
- 3 broad themes for the campaign; Transport & Trade, Renewable Energy, Science & Technology
- Campaign will need content so please reach out if you would like to get involved

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4. Discussion on themes for next year's meetings

- Group agreed to go ahead with programme as drafted by the Secretariat including two inquiries - *the Green Recovery in the Eastern Engine of Prosperity* and *Levelling Up in the Eastern Engine for Prosperity* - and a Parliamentary Reception in advance of the Spending Review in the Autumn.

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ATTENDANCE

First Name	Last Name	Role	Organisation
Peter	Aldous	MP and Co-Chair of APPG	Waveney
Jonathan	Djanogly	MP	Hungtingdon
Lord Alan	Haselhurst	Peer	House of Lords
Sarah	Clarke	Parliamentary Researcher	Office of Clive Lewis MP
Will	Frost	Parliamentary Researcher	Office of Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP
Steve	Barwick	Director	DevoConnect
Jordi	Beascochea	Engagement Manager	East West Rail
Esther	Blaine	Communications Manager	Historic England
Karen	Chapman	Growth Programme Partnership Manager	Suffolk Growth Programme Board
Helena	Coe	Policy Adviser, South East and East of England	CBI
Arnie	Craven	External Affairs Manager	Cadent Gas
Simon	Darby	Head of East of England	PLMR
Cheryl	Davenport	Managing Director	EELGA
Roy	Elmer	Senior Manager	East of England Local Government Association
Anthony	Forster	Vice-Chancellor	The University of Essex
John	Grant		Nine Tiles
Linda	Haysey	Council Leader	East Herts Council
Charlotte	Horobin	Membership Director - Midlands and East of England	Make UK
Graham	Lambert	Managing Director	Vinci
Ann	Limb	Chair	The UK Innovation Corridor
Gregg	McClymount	Executive Director	IFM Investors
Jean	McEvoy	Public Affairs Manager Anglia	Network Rail

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Kay	Mead	Principal Planning Officer	East Herts. Council
Trevor	Reeve	Preconstruction Director	Construction London
Duncan	Symonds	Executive Director, Asset Management	IFM Investors
Rebecca	Stephens	City Manager	City Fibre
Olivia	Tyrrell	Political Research Manager	DevoConnect
Jade	Uko	Development Manager- Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire	FSB
Andy	Walker	Head of Policy and Research	Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Andy	Williams	VP MedImmune	Astrazeneca
Tom	Williamson	Government Affairs Manager	Scottish Power
Josh	Woolliscroft	Account Manager	MPC

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