

Re Establishment Meeting of the Cross Party Group on Deafness (CPGD), 13.00 on Tuesday 13th September 2016.

Venue: Scottish Parliament Committee Room 2.

Present:

Mark Griffin MSP

Graeme Dey MSP

In Attendance: Frank McNally (Office of Mark Griffin), Janis McDonald (SCoD), Derek Todd (SCoD). Note: SCoD acting as temporary secretariat for the meeting.

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Mark Griffin MSP welcomed everyone to the re-establishment meeting. He gave a quick background to the achievements of the group in previous sessions.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Monica Lennon MSP.

3. Minutes from the last meeting:

3.1. It was noted the last CPGD meeting was January 2016 (Minute attached).

3.2. In March the CPGD met jointly with CPG Visual Impairment and CPG Heart & Stroke. Nomination and election of Office Bearers: Office Bearers will be elected at the next meeting following the Scottish Parliament elections. Dennis Robertson MSP noted his interest in continuing the role of Secretariat. (Minute Attached).

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters outstanding to be noted at this stage.

5. Appointment of Convenor and Depute Convenor

5.1. Convenor: Mark Griffin MSP. Proposed by Graeme Dey MSP. Seconded by J McDonald

5.2. Depute Convenor: Graeme Dey. Proposed by Mark Griffin MSP. Seconded by J McDonald

5.3 It was agreed to seek a further one or two deputies to support the group going forward. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

6. Appointment of Secretariat

6.1. Secretariat: SCoD. Proposed by Mark Griffin MSP and seconded by Graeme Dey MSP.

7. Discussion on key themes for Session 5's Cross Party Group on Deafness Meetings

7.1. A new set of priorities for the CPGD going forward would include a update on the See Hear Strategy work, the BSL National Advisory Group work and links with UNCRPD, and some focus on social security. There were issues relating to Health and Social care noted too. J McDonald noted the Human Rights approach and that SCoD had prepared some written evidence for the Equalities Committee that can be shared. www.scod.org.uk

7.2. It was agreed that SCoD would work with the Office of Mark Griffin to establish the agenda items for the next meeting.

8. Date and Time of the next Meeting and the schedule for 2017

8.1. The next meeting will be at 13.00 on Wed 14th December 2016 at Scottish Parliament. Room to be confirmed.

8.2. Dates of future meetings – all at 13.00 in the Scottish Parliament:

Wed 15th March 2017

Wed 14th June 2017

Wed 13th Sept – This is the week of the anniversary of the BSL Act; should we have an evening meeting/SCoD ask for a reception at SP?

Wed 13th Dec 2017

8.3. Dates for 2018 onwards to be agreed.

9. AOCB

There was no further business.