

All Party Parliamentary Manufacturing Group Annual General Meeting

11th May 2022, 13:30 – 14:00

Portcullis House, Room Q

Agenda

- Introductions
- Tribute to Jack Dromey MP
- Voting of Officers
- Approve finance forms
- Brief review of APMG themes
- AOB

Attendees

Mark Pawsey MP, Jack Dromey MP, Sir Peter Bottomley MP, Judith Cummins MP, Barry Sheerman MP, Rachel Hopkins MP, Joshua Nicholson, Floriane Fidegnon

Apologies: Clive Betts MP

Elections of officers

Chair & Registered Contact (mandatory post; must be an MP)	Mark Pawsey MP	Conservative
Co-Chair	Judith Cummins MP	Labour
Vice-Chair	Lord Bilimoria CBE DL	Crossbench
Vice-Chair	Jonathan Reynolds MP	Labour
Vice-Chair	Clive Betts MP	Labour
Vice-Chair	Baroness Burt of Solihull	Liberal Democrat
Vice-Chair	Barry Sheerman MP	Labour
Vice-Chair	Drew Hendry MP	Scottish National Party
Vice-Chair	Baroness Kramer	Liberal Democrat
Vice-Chair	Baroness Warsi	Conservative
Vice-Chair	Sir Peter Bottomley MP	Conservative
Vice-Chair	Rachel Hopkins MP	Labour

Review and approval of the income and expenditure statement

Floriane Fidegnon presented the APMG income and expenditure statement for the reporting period 14 January 2021 to 13 January 2022. The officers reviewed, agreed and approved the income and expenditure statement.

Forward planning

The following topics for the current programme of the APMG were discussed:

- Sustainable manufacturing and building back better post COVID-19
- Decarbonisation and the Energy Intensive Industries
- Digitalisation
- Manufacturing trade post Brexit
- Skills for future manufacturing

Officers then discussed the wider manufacturing policy landscape and recommended the following areas for exploration.

- Officers highlighted that the challenges around skills. They noted that needs to be a focus on training and recruiting appropriated qualified people. Rachel Hopkins MP gave a case study of Leonardo in her constituency. The different pathways to allow people to develop skills should be explored in more depth. The Manufacturing Commission is currently conducting an inquiry into the future manufacturing workforce.
- Chair of the group Mark Pawsey MP highlighted the need to conduct more site visits. Conversations should be more practical and the APPG needs to engage with business owners and manufacturers with first-hand experience. There were also suggestions that evidence sessions in future could be tied in with site visits to areas around London, such as the Leonardo company mentioned previously.
- The officers were particularly interested in public and in particular young people's perceptions of manufacturing. Modern manufacturing can be contrary to many people's perceptions. To recruit future talent, we need people to aspire to a career in engineering.
- Collaboration between different manufacturing sub sectors (aviation, automotive, defence, FMCG) was also emphasised as was the need to consider future manufacturing supply chains. The APMG will research the pressures placed on manufacturing due to onshoring and consider how we can we encourage a stronger manufacturing base in the UK. Examples of this include the chip shortage, electric vehicle manufacturing and sovereign manufacturing). Officers were also interested in how UK manufacturing interacts with international markets, such as India and China..
- It was also suggested that the APMG link together some of its key areas of focus by hosting an award to recognise young talent in manufacturing, in memory of Jack Dromey MP.