

1. Appointment of Officers – VOTE

The following officers were appointed:

Chair & Registered Contact	Barry Sheerman	Labour
Co-Chair	Baroness Finlay of Llandaff	Crossbench
Officer	Alex Cunningham	Labour
Officer	Eddie Hughes	Conservative
Officer	Andrew Selous	Conservative
Officer	Baroness Maddock	Liberal Democrats
Officer	John McNally	SNP
Officer	Maria Miller	Conservative
Officer	Luke Pollard	Labour
Officer	Jim Shannon	DUP
Officer	Liz Twist	Labour
Officer	Chris Bryant	Labour
Officer	Peter Bottomley	Conservative

2. APPCOG Proposed Workplan January – June 2020 – FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

The following proposed workplan was discussed and agreed (dependent on funding):

a) CO alarm review

MHCLG’s review of CO alarm requirements in rented homes will continue to be a focal point of the APPCOG’s efforts. It has been confirmed the review’s decision will be embedded in the Social Housing White Paper, which we expect to be published within this calendar year. The APPCOG will continue to make the case that rigorous safeguards against CO poisoning, such as CO alarms, should be required in all homes with fuel-burning appliances.

b) ‘Safeguarding carers, supporting communities’ inquiry

2020 will see the APPCOG launch a Parliamentary inquiry into the CO risks faced by care providers and recipients. This serves as a natural extension of our work on vulnerability, with many high-risk groups for CO poisoning being disproportionate consumers of in-home care. The project will involve desk-based research, a written call for evidence, and three oral evidence sessions held in Parliament. This will culminate in a policy report featuring recommendations for both the Government and employers.

c) Ofgem, RIIO-2 and vulnerable customers

The APPCOG will continue to engage with Ofgem's work on CO safety and consumer vulnerability. We will focus our attention on the energy market's next price control period, RIIO-2, and ensuring it includes sufficient provisions for CO safety.

d) CO in direct-booking accommodation

The APPCOG's next parliamentary roundtable will discuss the emergence of direct-booking accommodation sites (e.g. Airbnb) and their role in ensuring residents are safe from CO. This was prompted by the APPG for Tourism's 'Inquiry into The Sharing Economy', which raised serious concerns regarding the safety of direct-booking accommodation. The roundtable will bring together industry, housing experts and policymakers to discuss critical questions facing this emerging sector of the 'sharing economy'.

e) CO at festivals

The APPCOG will build on the success of CO Awareness Week and our 'CO Safety at Festivals' roundtable in order work with our stakeholders to deliver a more coordinated safety campaign for summer 2020.