

# ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP on MODERN LANGUAGES



Chair: Tonia Antoniazzi MP (Lab); Co-Chair: Baroness Coussins (CB);  
Vice-Chairs: Darren Paffey MP (Lab); Lord Sherbourne of Didsbury (Con).

APPG on Modern Languages: Inaugural Meeting  
9 September 2024, 4pm – 5pm

House of Lords Committee Room 3A

## Minutes

### In attendance

#### *House of Commons:*

Tonia Antoniazzi MP  
Darren Paffey MP

#### *House of Lords:*

Baroness Blower  
The Earl of Clancarty  
Baroness Coussins  
Lord Freyburg  
Baroness Garden of Frognal  
Lord Hannay of Chiswick  
Bishop of Leeds  
Lord Lucas  
Baroness Meyer  
Lord Mountevans  
Lord Sherbourne of Didsbury

### 1. Decision on the name of the group and its purpose:

Name of the group: All-Party Parliamentary Group on Modern Languages

The APPG's purpose is to:

- Explore the benefits of learning and using languages throughout the UK;
- Provide a parliamentary forum for information exchange and consultation on languages and linguists;
- Encourage and support policies and action improving the take-up of languages in schools, further and higher education, in the workplace and in the community.

### 2. Thanks to the previous Chair of the APPG on Modern Languages: Dame Nia Griffith MP

The APPG wishes to minute officially its gratitude to Dame Nia Griffith MP for chairing the group since 2019.

She is no longer able to be a member of the APPG due to her appointment as a Minister. Baroness Coussins expressed her special thanks and will write to Dame Nia personally.

### **3. Election of Officers**

The following MPs and peers were elected:

Chair: Tonia Antoniazzi MP

Co-Chair: Baroness Coussins

Vice-Chair: Darren Paffey MP

Vice-Chair: Lord Sherbourne of Didsbury

The APPG confirmed:

- This meeting was quorate.
- The APPG has over 20 members, from both Houses.
- An Income & Expenditure statement was prepared to the end of the APPG's reporting year in the last parliament (under the previous Chair).
- The APPG has no assets or liabilities.

### **4. Close**