**APPG on Wilton Park**

**Inaugural Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday 6th June 2023

Meeting called by Tim Loughton MP

1. **Call to order and introduction**

Tim Loughton called to order the inaugural meeting of the APPG for Wilton Park at 1800 on Tuesday 6th June. The meeting was held in Room N Portcullis House.

1. **Quorum**

Tim Loughton conducted a roll call. The following Parliamentarians were present:

* Tim Loughton MP (Conservative)
* Baroness Stuart (Cross Bench)
* Theo Clarke MP (Conservative)
* Henry Smith MP (Conservative)
* Alicia Kearns MP (Conservative)

The following non-Parliamentarians were present:

* Sam Selvadurai – Deputy Director, Strategy, Head of Policy Unit, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)
* Zena Lopez – Deputy Head of Strategic Capability & Challenge, Strategy Directorate, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office
* Tom Cargill – Chief Executive, Wilton Park
* Neil Briscoe – Head of Policy, Wilton Park
* Wilkie Briggs, Senior Policy Officer, Wilton Park

1. **Introduction to the work of Wilton Park**

Tim Loughton welcomed a discussion of the purpose of reinstating the Wilton Park APPG. Tom Cargill, CEO of Wilton Park, proposed that the APPG would be reinstated as a means to enhance the role of Wilton Park across parliament.

1. **Election of Officers**

Parliamentarians present voted to confirm the following members as officers:

* Tim Loughton MP Conservative Chair
* Baroness Stuart Cross Bench Joint Chair
* Theo Clarke MP Conservative Vice Chair
* Henry Smith MP Conservative Vice Chair
* Alicia Kearns MP Conservative Officer

1. **Open Questions and discussion**

Alicia Kearns led a discussion on the topic of ensuring informed parliamentary engagement with international issues at a time of growing challenges for the UK. Those present:

* Discussed potential for further collaboration between MPs, FCDO and Wilton Park
* Noted the shared action to recruit further parliamentarians to the Wilton Park All Party Parliamentary Group.

1. **Adjournment**

Tim Loughton thanked participants and adjourned the meeting at 1850.