

## **APPG ON HOUSING AND CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

**Meeting to launch the APPG's new Inquiry: 'Creating Intergenerational Communities'**

**Tuesday 4 March 2025**

**16:00-17:30**

**Committee Room 1, House of Lords**

### **Parliamentarians present:**

- Best, Richard (Lord, Crossbench) (Co-Chair)
- Birt, John (Lord, Crossbench)
- Dixon, Anna (MP, Labour, Shipley) (Co-Chair)
- Duncan-Jordan, Neil (MP, Labour, Poole)
- Mohamed, Iqbal (MP, Independent, Dewsbury and Batley)
- Watkins of Tavistock, Mary (Baroness, Crossbench)
- Young of Cookham, George (Lord, Conservative) (Vice Chair)

### **Guest speakers:**

- Lois Beech, Consultancy and Partnerships Manager, Housing LIN (APPG Inquiry Secretariat)
- Rachel Crownshaw, Group Managing Director, Communities, Places for People (APPG Inquiry panellist)
- Charlotte Miller, Co-Founder, Intergenerational England (APPG Inquiry panellist)
- Sally Nichols, Assistant Director of Operations, The Riverside Group
- Michael Voges, Chief Executive, Associated Retirement Community Operators (APPG Inquiry panellist)

### **Other APPG Inquiry panel members present:**

- Jenny Buterchi, Partner, Architecture, Later Living & Care, PRP
- Rama Gheerawo, Director and Founder, INSTILL
- Fiona Howie, Chief Executive, Town and Country Planning Association
- Kevin McGeough, Head of Strategy and Placemaking, Ebbsfleet Development Corporation
- Frances Wright, Head of Community Partnering, TOWN

### **Parliamentary staff present:**

- Ryan Coppack, Parliamentary Assistant, Office of Lord Best, and Secretariat for the APPG on Housing and Care for Older People
- Benjamin Wright, Parliamentary Researcher, Office of Anna Dixon MP

### **Other attendees:**

- Interested parties invited by the APPG (attended both in person and online)

## **1. Introductory remarks:**

Lord Best updated Members and other interested parties on the APPG's work since the Group's Inaugural Meeting in October 2024.

These updates covered:

- A meeting held in November 2024 with Fiona MacGregor, Chief Executive of the Regulator of Social Housing (RSH), which included discussion of the Charter for Disposal of Supported Housing and Accommodation for Older People in the APPG's 2024 report on *'The Regeneration of Outdated Sheltered Housing'*.
- A letter Lord Best wrote to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in January 2025 to inquire about the timetable for launching the consultation on the M4(2) accessibility standard.
- A meeting on older people's housing held in February 2025 with civil servants from the Ministry of Housing, Local Government and Communities (MHCLG) currently working on the government's national Housing Strategy. Attendees were informed that presentations were given by Professor Julienne Meyer (Older People's Housing Taskforce) and other experts.
- A breakfast discussion session on older people's housing for MPs held in February 2025, sponsored by Anchor. Attendees were informed that presentations were given by Les Mayhew (Professor of Statistics, City St George's, University of London) and other experts.

## **2. Launch of APPG's new Inquiry: 'Creating Intergenerational Communities':**

Anna Dixon MP and Lord Best informed Members and other interested parties that the APPG has launched a new Inquiry on 'Creating Intergenerational Communities'.

The Co-Chairs thanked The Riverside Group and Places for People for agreeing to sponsor the Inquiry. Attendees were informed that the Housing Learning and Improvement Network (Housing LIN) would act as the Inquiry's Secretariat.

Presentations by guest speakers followed:

- Charlotte Miller provided an overview of Intergenerational England's approach to intergenerational issues and their relation to housing.
- Sally Nichols discussed examples of Riverside's intergenerational extra care living schemes.

- Rachel Crownshaw discussed Places for People’s scheme at Gilston Park.
- Michael Voges covered examples of intergenerational approaches to integrated retirement communities.
- Lois Beech outlined the broad plan for the Inquiry and explained Housing LIN’s Secretariat role.

It was explained that the APPG would be assisted by a panel comprising Parliamentarians and specialists with backgrounds in the private and social housing sectors, design and planning. It was also noted that evidence would be collected by inviting expert witnesses to the Inquiry’s panel meetings, and that submissions would be welcome from interested parties.

Members of the APPG Inquiry panel in attendance introduced themselves.

### **3. Discussion:**

Following the presentations, Anna Dixon chaired a discussion. Attendees offered comments and asked questions.

### **4. Concluding remarks:**

It was noted that a final report of the APPG’s Inquiry would be published in 2026.