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## **APPG on Dietary Health: Parliamentary Launch & Drop-in Event Minutes – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

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#### **Context**

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This is the Minutes for the Parliamentary Launch & Drop-in Event of the APPG on Dietary Health. This meeting will be held from 2pm to 6pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 in Portcullis House. This document will be published on the APPG's website, in accordance with the Rules for APPGs.

#### **Event Purpose**

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This event served as the formal launch of the APPG on Dietary Health. Around 25 public health charities, medical Royal Colleges and local community organisations hosted stands throughout the afternoon discussing different aspects of the impacts of, and interventions to address, poor dietary health. Approximately 25 parliamentarians were able to attend at various points throughout the event, and the Minister for Public Health and Prevention Sharon Hodgson attended from 4pm to 4:35pm.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

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This event was hosted by Jim Dickson MP.

The following organisations hosted stands at this event, on the following topics.

1. Stand 1 - British Dental Association - Teeth & Oral Health
2. Stand 2 - Bite Back - Young People's Lived Experiences
3. Stand 3 - Food Foundation - Affordability of Healthy Food
4. Stand 4- Sustain, the Alliance for Better Food & Farming - Healthy Start Scheme & Access to Fresh Fruit & Veg
5. Stand 5 - Nourishing Our Future - Local Authority Interventions to Support Healthy Diets in Early Years Settings in Essex
6. Stand 6 - First Steps Nutrition - Commercial Baby Food
7. Stand 7 - Early Years Food Coalition - Healthy Food in the Early Years
8. Stand 8 - Food Active - Healthy Food Programmes in the North West of England
9. Stand 9 - Association of Directors of Public Health - Local Government Interventions on Poor Diets
10. Stand 10 - Royal College of Physicians/British Medical Association/Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health - Impact on the NHS Workforce
11. Stand 11 - Diabetes UK - Relationship Between Prevention of Poor Dietary Health & Treatment of the Consequences
12. Stand 12 - Arthritis UK - Longevity & MSK Health
13. Stand 13 - Kidney Research UK - Impact of Diet on Kidney Health
14. Stand 14 -
15. HENRY – Early Years Programmes for Nutritional Health
16. Stand 15 - British Dietetic Association - The Role of NHS Dieticians
17. Stand 16 - World Cancer Research Fund - Impact of Diets on Cancer
18. Stand 17 - Nesta - Healthier Food Standards



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19. Stand 18 - Recipe for Change - The Soft Drinks Industry Levy & Sugar Reformulation
20. Stand 19 - British Heart Foundation/Action on Salt & Sugar - Salt Reduction
21. Stand 20 - Alexandra Rose – Affordability of Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

The following parliamentarians and/or their staff members attended the event:

1. Marie Goldman, Liberal Democrat MP for Chelmsford and Co-Chair of the APPG
2. Jim Dickson, Labour MP for Dartford and Co-Chair of the APPG
3. Baroness Walmsley, Liberal Democrat Peer and Co-Chair of the APPG
4. Sharon Hodgson, Labour MP Washington and Gateshead South and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health and Prevention
5. Chris Webb, Labour MP for Blackpool South
6. Ben Coleman, Labour MP for Chelsea & Fulham
7. Kim Leadbeater, Labour MP for Spen Valley
8. Peter Dowd, Labour MP for Bootle
9. Alex McIntyre, Labour MP for Gloucester
10. Lorraine Beavers, Labour MP for Blackpool North
11. Andrew Cooper, Labour MP for Mid-Cheshire
12. Imogen Walker, Labour MP Hamilton and Clyde Valley
13. Andrew George, Liberal Democrat MP for St Ives
14. Rachael Maskell, Labour MP for York Central
15. Andrew Pakes, Labour MP for Peterborough
16. Andy Slaughter, Labour MP for Hammersmith and Chiswick
17. Mary Foy, Labour MP for the City of Durham
18. Dr Rupa Huq, Labour MP for Ealing Central and Acton
19. Jess Brown-Fuller, Liberal Democrat MP for Chichester
20. Jim Shannon, Democratic Unionist Party MP for Strangford
21. Lord Babudu, Labour Peer
22. Lord Krebs, Cross Bench Peer
23. Staff - Helen Maguire, Liberal Democrat MP for Epsom & Ewell
24. Staff- Jeremy Corbyn, Independent MP for Islington North
25. Staff - Adam Dance, Liberal Democrat MP for Winchester
26. Staff- Dave Doogan, Scottish Nationalist Party for Angus and Perthshire Glens

Further information about the event is available on the Obesity Health Alliance website's news page.