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Wednesday 20th March 2024, 14:00, Room Q, Portcullis House

Minutes

## Attendees:

Alberto Costa MP (Con)

Oliver Heald (Con)

Julian Lewis MP (Con)

Peter Dowd MP (Lab)

Nia Griffith MP (Lab)

Kerry McCarthy MP (Lab)

John McNally MP (SNP)

Carol Monaghan MP (SNP)

Jacob Coad – Office of Alberto Costa MP

## Welcome and Introductions:

Alberto Costa MP welcomed attendees to the meeting and gave an overview of the aims of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics.

## Election of officers:

Alberto Costa MP was elected as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics.

Peter Dowd MP was elected as Officer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics.

John McNally MP was elected as Officer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics

Julian Lewis MP was elected as Officer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics

## Any Other Business:

After electing new officers, the APPG discussed a wide variety of issues including UK and international regulation relating to microplastic filters for washing machines – one of the Groups key focuses – as well as ways in which the APPG can continue to advocate for legislation on this issue in the UK. Suggested ways this could be achieved included Julian Lewis MP asking about obtaining manifesto commitments, the possibility of starting an EDM on this issue, and further meetings with DEFRA.

Those present also discussed the different types of washing machine microplastic filters such as those included in the washing machine as well as those that can be purchased and added on to existing washing machines.

Finally, Alberto Costa MP referenced Severn Trent, who, it is understood, are willing to support the work of the APPG.

## Next Steps

The Groups Secretariat and the Office of Alberto Costa MP will make enquiries about the possibility of an EDM.

The Office of Alberto Costa MP will be reaching out to Severn Trent.

The Summer Reception mentioned at the AGM continues to be in the process of being planned.