

SESSION ONE OF THE ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

Pandemic Response and Recovery
Covid Passes

Tuesday, 16 November 2021, 18.00

MINUTES

In Attendance: Esther McVey MP, Graham Stringer MP, Chris Green MP, Sammy Wilson MP, Baroness Foster of Oxtou, Lord Daniel Moylan, Lord Moonie, Viscount Ridley.

Guest speakers: Dr Roland Salmon, Dr David Bell, Professor David Paton, Madeleine Stone.

Non-voting attendees: Jemma Moran (Secretariat), Rachel Marcus (Secretariat).

Apologies: Sir Graham Brady MP, Derek Twigg MP, Emma Lewell-Buck MP, Andrew Rosindell MP, Sir Charles Walker MP, Miriam Cates MP, Ian Paisley MP, Baroness Noakes, Baroness Meyer, Philip Davies MP, Baroness Morissey, Lord Robathan, Baroness Fox of Buckley.

1. The Chair welcomed the APPG members to the first session to discuss Covid Passes.
2. The Chair introduced the four speakers and the Group heard evidence from each:
 - Scientific/Public Health implications: Dr Roland Salmon, former Director of the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre (Wales) & Dr David Bell, Public Health Physician, formerly working on infectious diseases for the World Health Organization (WHO)
 - Economic implications: Professor David Paton, Professor of Industrial Economics, Nottingham University Business School
 - Civil liberties and ethical implications: Madeleine Stone, Legal and Policy Officer, Big Brother Watch
3. All four experts argued against Covid Passes.
4. The Chair invited Members to ask questions. Members were able to probe the experts further on particular points of concern following each examination of the evidence. A summary of the discussion can be found [here](#).
5. The Chair thanked all the experts for their time.
6. The Group then gave consideration to possible actions arising from the discussion, such as Members tabling oral questions and a Westminster Hall debate.
7. The Chair thanked all the Members who attended and confirmed the date of the next meeting, **Monday 31 January**, and brought the meeting to a close.