

**ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**  
**Pandemic Response and Recovery**

**Monday April 20, 2026, 5.30pm, Room N, Portcullis House**

**MINUTES**

**In attendance:** Rt Hon Esther McVey MP (chair), Rupert Lowe MP, Lord Young of Acton, Lord Brady of Altrincham, Lord Lilley, the Earl of Leicester, Lord Robathan.

**Apologies:** Graham Stringer MP, Rt Hon Sammy Wilson MP, Rt Hon Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP, Carla Lockhart MP, Sir Christopher Chope MP, Danny Kruger MP, Yasmin Qureshi MP, Rt Hon David Davis MP, Lord Reay, Lord Strathcarron, Lord Ashcombe, Lord Frost, Lord Moylan, Lord Alton of Liverpool, Baroness Morrissey, Baroness Fox of Buckley, Baroness Foster.

1. Welcome and introduction from the Chair, Esther McVey.

2. The Group heard from Dr David Bell and Professor Garrett Wallace Brown who spoke about the International Health Reform Project (IHRP), which Dr Bell co-chairs, and its recently published policy report: [The Right to Health Sovereignty](#). The IHRP was formed in response to a growing crisis of confidence in international public health governance following, but whose roots predate, Covid-19.

Dr Bell is a clinical and public health physician with a PhD in population health and a background in internal medicine, modelling and epidemiology of infectious disease. He has worked in global health and biotech for the last 20 years and was previously Director of Global Health Technologies at Intellectual Ventures Global Good Fund in the USA, Programme Head for Malaria and Acute Febrile Disease at FIND in Geneva, worked in infectious diseases and coordinated malaria diagnostics strategy at the World Health Organization.

Professor Brown is Chair in Global Health Policy at the University of Leeds and a long-standing collaborator with the World Health Organization providing evidence and analytics for emergency preparedness and health security. He has conducted research in global health for over 20 years with specialisms in global health financing, health economics, health system strengthening in African contexts, global health security and pandemic preparedness. He has acted as a global health policy expert at the G7 and G20, for the UK Cabinet Office COVID-19 Roundtable Group and with over 15 national health and regional bodies.

3. Following a presentation, the meeting was opened to questions and discussion.

4. The Chair then thanked those who attended and brought the meeting to a close.

5. Date of next meeting: TBC.