



ALL - PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Minutes: Thursday 11 June 2026

<p>Present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baroness Sater 2. Lord Addington 3. Baroness Davies of Devonport 4. Lord Evans of Weardale 5. James Mapstone (Secretariat) <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Clive Efford MP Lord Wasserman Rt. Revd Libby Lane Baroness Porter of Fulwood Lord McNally</p>	<p>Guests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John McAvoy, Athlete 2. Simon Richards, Nike 3. Aimee Charlton, Nike 4. Chloe Halsted, Rep of Rt. Revd Libby Lane 5. Lindsey Middleton, 180 Project 6. Prof Rosie Meek, RHUL 7. Christian D'Ippolito, The Spartan Project 8. Isiah James, Freedom from Fitness 9. Joe Maksymiw, 3 Pillars Project 10. Ivan Clark, Alliance of Sport 11. Jack Lewis, Duke of Edinburgh's Award 12. Nick Kreel, Brighton Table Tennis Club 13. Natasha Brookner, Twinning Project 14. Alice Young, Premier League Trust 15. Amelia Leader, Home Office 16. Faye Canty, Prison Radio 17. Wayne Skinner, 180 Project 18. David Featherstone, HMPSS 19. Tom Thorpe-Andrews, Sport England 20. Tom Forest, Sport 4 Life
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Item	Description
1	<p>Welcome, introductions and approval of the minutes.</p> <p>Baroness Sater welcomed attendees to the meeting and invited a round of introductions.</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. While no formal actions were noted, James Mapstone provided a brief summary of key developments and follow-up activity since the April meeting.</p>
2	<p>Setting the scene: creating positive pathways through sport</p> <p>Simon Richards provided an overview of Nike's investment in community-based initiatives, highlighting the company's commitment to using sport to create positive opportunities for young people.</p> <p>Aimee Charlton then delivered a presentation on the impact of retail crime on Nike's business. Members noted that the scale and nature of the challenge presented were concerning and recognised the potential value of exploring preventative, partnership-based responses.</p> <p>The APPG agreed to continue dialogue with Nike to consider whether further collaboration could support practical action, innovation and solutions that help create more positive pathways for young people through sport.</p>

3	<p>Lived Experience: The Transformative Power of Sport</p> <p>John McAvoy delivered a powerful and inspiring contribution, sharing his personal journey and reflecting on the transformative role that sport and physical activity played in helping him change the direction of his life.</p> <p>His remarks provided a compelling reminder of the importance of creating positive pathways for young people, particularly at critical moments when the right support, opportunity and belief can make a lasting difference.</p> <p>John expressed his commitment to continuing his support for the APPG and offered to contribute to future discussions and initiatives where his experience and platform could help inspire action and strengthen the case for sport and physical activity as a force for positive change.</p>
4	<p>The meeting then moved into an engaging open discussion on how sport and physical activity can be used more intentionally as tools for prevention, diversion and desistance from crime.</p> <p>Members reflected on the powerful themes raised during the meeting, including the importance of early intervention, positive role models, trusted relationships and creating meaningful opportunities for young people at critical points in their lives.</p> <p>The discussion reinforced the need for stronger alignment across sectors, and for greater support for VCSE organisations to build effective partnerships with the criminal justice system. Members recognised that many community organisations are already delivering important work, but that more could be done to connect, strengthen and scale these efforts through clearer pathways, shared learning and cross-sector collaboration.</p> <p>There was broad agreement that the APPG has an important role to play in continuing to convene partners, sharing learning and identifying practical opportunities to move from inspiration to action.</p>
5	<p>Closing remarks and next steps</p> <p>Baroness Sater thanked everyone for their engagement and contributions, with particular thanks to the guest speakers, Simon Richards, Aimee Charlton and John McAvoy.</p> <p>James Mapstone noted that no future meeting dates had yet been scheduled. He confirmed that follow-up activity would take place following the meeting and that members would be notified of future meeting dates in due course.</p>