



All Party Parliamentary Group for
Tamils

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All Party Parliamentary Group for Tamils elect Elliot Colburn as new Chair

Elliot Colburn MP, the Member of Parliament for Carshalton and Wallington, was elected as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Tamils at the inaugural meeting of the cross-party group for the current parliament held on Monday, 29th of June 2020.

Elliot Colburn takes over from Paul Scully MP, who is the Minister for London and Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets. At the meeting attended by 30 members of parliament, Bob Blackman MP, Sarah Champion MP, Bambos Charalambous, Feryal Clark MP, Sir Ed Davey MP, Jackie Doyle-Price MP, Robert Halfon MP, Stephen Hammond MP, Siobhain McDonagh MP, Kate Osamor MP, Dean Russell MP, Wes Streeting MP, Sam Tarry MP, Gareth Thomas MP and Theresa Villiers MP were elected as Vice-Chairs of the group.

“I am delighted to have been elected as chair of the APPG for Tamils. My constituency is home to a significant population of Tamils, making Tamil the second language in the borough of Sutton.

“The British Tamil community is an integral part of the United Kingdom with members of the community contributing to every walk of life from academia to business to the NHS.

“I look forward to promoting the aspirations of the British Tamil community in the parliament and beyond, and working to deliver justice for the Tamil people in Sri Lanka.” Elliot Colburn said.

The All Party Parliamentary Group for Tamils, one of the largest cross party groups in the parliament, was setup in 2007 to promote permanent peace with justice and dignity for the Tamil people in Sri Lanka, advocate their legitimate socio-political aspirations and advance their development.