

## Private & Confidential – January 2019

### Political Activity summary 2018

#### Via membership of the OHRG

- Funding and production of the Horticultural Industry scoping report including Arboriculture as a sub-set.
- AA Invitation and representation at 3 Meetings with George Eustice (DEFRA Minister).

#### Via membership of the APPGHG

- 3 Evidence sessions to Parliamentarians
- Production of the concluding APPGHG report including the 9 key asks of government
- AA Representation at APPGHG event at Chelsea via RHS
  - delivery of a morning biosecurity briefing
  - AA representation and nominees at the student breakfast event
- AA Representation at APPGHG event at Hampton Court via RHS
- Annual reception to launch the APPGHG report – attended by 40 AA representatives and invitees.

#### Via Highgrove Group

- Invitation to HRH Prince Charles Highgrove House in January 2018, along with over 100 representatives from 70 organisations
  - Both CEO and Keith Sacre delivered addresses (2 of only 10 on the day)
  - HRH & Michael Gove & Lord Gardiner in attendance
    - Gove invited and subsequently attended Barcham nursery.
- AA representation at 2 subsequent Highgrove group meetings (only 9 organisations from original 70 were invited)

#### Via own actions or other organisations

- AA December Biosecurity launch event at the Houses of Parliament
- Numerous DEFRA meetings – Birmingham & London
- Met Chris Gyver (professional lobbyist) to discuss the potential formation and pitfalls relating to the potential formation of an Urban trees APPG
- 2 meetings with Lord Framlingham; many phone calls
- Invited to attend London meeting hosted by new appointed Tree champion
- Tree Champion attended AA September conference
- Membership of Greener UK – AA representation at 3 meetings.

- Linda Girling MEP
  - Following meeting at AA HQ – AA were asked to attend a local Brexit conference
  - Linda attended Arb show
- David Drew (MP & Shadow Env Minister)
  - Attended Arb Show;
  - Attended all AA Parliamentary events
  - Invited the AA to Stroud Tree project launch
- Peter Aldous (MP)
  - AA met Peter, with Janet Kirkley, to discuss chainsaw death (her son) and accidents in the industry

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