

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Co-operatives

**DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED** (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

29 June 2011

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

24 June 2014

**DATE OF PRECEDING AGM** [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]

29 May 2013

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

19 August 2014

### GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

29 May 2013 – Meeting discussing Co-operative Development Scotland (CDS). The speaker was Sarah Deas, Chief Executive of CDS. Attended by 3 MSPs and 24 non-MSPs.

9 October 2013 – Meeting discussing Co-operative Education. The speakers were Hugh Donnelly, Director, Co-operative Education Trust Scotland, Teachers and Students from Loudoun Academy and Keir Bloomer, Chair, Commission on School Reform. Attended by 1 MSP and 24 non-MSPs.

*[Clerks note: this meeting was inquorate and therefore classed as an informal meeting. No minutes will be posted onto the CPG webpage and this meeting does not count towards the requirements set out in the Code of Conduct that all Groups must hold two meetings per year]*

28 January 2014 – Meeting discussing Co-operative and Community Retail. The speakers were Malcolm Brown, Head of Corporate Communications, Scotmid and Andrew Prendergast, Development Officer, Plunkett Scotland. Attended by 1 MSP and 16 non-MSPs.

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1 April 2014 – Meeting discussing Community Shares. The speakers were Ged Devlin, Community Shares Unit and Paul Phare, Co-operative Energy Consultant. Attended by 2 MSPs and 26 non-MSPs.

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Willie Coffey (SNP)

James Kelly (Labour)

John Scott (Conservative)

Jim Hume (Liberal Democrat)

Claudia Beamish (Labour)

Drew Smith (Labour)

Jackie Baillie (Labour)

Johann Lamont (Labour)

Kezia Dugdale (Labour)

Richard Simpson (Labour)

Rob Gibson (SNP)

## NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals	n/a
Organisations	Co-operatives UK Co-operative Development Scotland Co-operative Education Trust Scotland Drumchapel Housing Co-operative Fair Trade Sports Balls Ltd Highland Home Carers Ltd Lister Housing Co-operative Ltd Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society Scotmid Social Enterprise Scotland Supporters Direct The Co-operative Group

## GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Co-Conveners	Willie Coffey, James Kelly, Jim Hume, John Scott
Deputy Convener	N/A
Secretary	James Proctor – Co-operatives UK
Treasurer	N/A

## FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing

support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

Material support of Secretariat from James Proctor at an estimated value of £600 which covers time spent of approx. 4 working days per year during the employment of Co-operatives UK.

### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

Nil

### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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