

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

25 June 2015

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]

24 June 2014

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

23 July 2015

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.

24 June 2014 – Meeting discussing Governance of Large Co-operatives. The speaker was Prof Johnston Birchill, University of Stirling. Attended by 2 MSPs and 13 non-MSPs.

19 November 2014 – Meeting discussing the Scottish Co-operative Economy. The speaker was Ed Mayo, Secretary General of Co-operatives UK. Attended by 1 MSP and 12 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]

17 March 2015 – Meeting discussing Co-operative Councils. The speakers were Cllr Maureen Child, City of Edinburgh Council and Alan Davidson, Glasgow City Council. Attended by 1 MSP and 21 non-MSPs.

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25 June 2015 – Meeting discussing the development of co-operatives. The speakers were Martin Meteyard - Co-operative Business Consultants, Jaye Martin - Co-operative Development Scotland and Mike Shaw - Students for Co-operation. Attended by 2 MSPs and 13 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)

Jackie Baillie (Labour)

Sarah Boyack (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 – secretariat 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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