

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Digital Participation
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.)
13 September 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
3 October 2018
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
1 November 2018
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
3 October 2017
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.
31 October 2017 Attendance: 2 MSPs, 19 Non-MSP members Topics discussed: Tallinn Declaration; Ofcom's Communications Market Report; 'Fighting Fake News'; UK Digital Participation report by Carnegie Trust UK

20 February 2018

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 14 Non-MSP members

Topics discussed: Ofcom Connected Nations Scotland 2017 Report; strategies for identifying future CPG topics.

30 May 2018

Attendance: 1 MSP, 23 Non-MSP members

Topics discussed: Citizen Advice Scotland Digital Inclusion Report and discussion led by FarrPoint on future models for telecommunications infrastructure

3 October 2018

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 14 Non-MSP members

Topics discussed: AGM business (including election of office bearers), BT Scotland presentation on the 'Fourth Industrial Revolution'

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

- Emma Harper (SNP)
- Finlay Carson (Conservatives)
- Clare Adamson (SNP)
- Liam McArthur (Liberal Democrat)
- Willie Coffey MSP (SNP)
- Rhoda Grant (Labour)
- Pauline McNeill (Labour)

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	Mike McGregor, Adrienne Chalmers, Professor Michael Fourman, Mairi Macleod and John Hunter
Organisations	BT, Scottish Futures Trust, UCKTA, Scottish Government, Carnegie Trust, Scottish Library and Information Council, Lothian Broadband Networks, SCVO, Wireless Infrastructure Group, FarrPoint, Citizens Advice Scotland, Liz Leonard Media, Zero Waste Scotland, Blackwood Group, Etime Technologies, Ofcom, Highland and Islands Enterprise, Tap Into IT, Phone Ability, SPICE, Renfrewshire Council, CILIP, Church of Scotland, Open University Business School, News Direct, NHS24, Napier University, Wheatley Group, MS Society Scotland, EKTG, Renfrewshire Council, Angus Council, Ofcom Communications Consumer Panel.

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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.

Convener	Willie Coffey MSP
Deputy Convener	Liam McArthur MSP
Secretary	Jonathan Ruff (Ofcom)
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.

Material support of hospitality and Secretariat from Jonathan Ruff at an estimated value of £800 which covers time spent of approx. 4 working days per year during the employment of Ofcom.

Catering services accounted for £334.80.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

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No subscription fees are charged.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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