

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Housing
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
5 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
13 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>
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.
Purpose: To allow housing organisations and MSPs to share information and gather knowledge on all matters relating to housing.
<b><u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 1-2pm</u></b>
The meeting focussed on:

## **The New Model Tenancy Agreement**

Speakers included:

- Gavin Dick (National Landlords Association)
- James Batty (Shelter Scotland)

## **The National Homelessness Strategy**

Speakers included:

- Lynn McMath (Crisis)
- Alastair Cameron (Scottish Churches Housing Action) with Rev Dr Russell Barr

### **Attended by:**

2 MSP members, 13 non MSP individuals representing member organisations and 6 interested meeting attendees.

## **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018, 1-2pm**

The meeting focussed on:

### **Meeting Scotland's Housing Need: the practicalities of development**

The presentation put housing need into context, highlighted the impact of this not being met and then examined the long, hugely complex and extremely expensive process of delivering much needed new homes.

Speakers included:

- Nicola Barclay (Chief Executive, Homes for Scotland)
- Craig Ormond (Director, Mactaggart & Mickel)

### **Attended by:**

2 MSP members, 9 non MSP individuals representing member organisations and 3 interested attendees.

## **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, 1-2pm**

The meeting focussed on:

### **The Scottish Commission for Learning Disability – Report: 'Improving outcomes for people with learning disabilities: Opportunities and challenges for housing'**

The presentation covered the key findings and recommendations from the report.

### **Equality and Human Rights Commission - The Inquiry into Housing for Disabled People. Report: 'Housing and disabled people: Britain's hidden crisis'**

The presentation covered the key findings and recommendations from the report.

Speakers included:

- Lorne Berkley and Kenneth Fleming (Scottish Commission for Learning Disability)
- Helen Miller (Equality and Human Rights Commission)

Attended by: 2 MSP members, 11 non MSP individuals representing member organisations and 3 interested meeting attendees.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 1-2pm**

The meeting focussed on:

- The Annual General Meeting of the Cross Party Group on Housing
- Scottish Housing Day 2018 Hustings Session – Young Peoples’ Housing

Attended by: 3 MSP members, 10 non MSP individuals representing member organisations and 39 interested meeting attendees

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Andy Wightman, Scottish Green Party  
Ben Macpherson, Scottish National Party (resigned 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018)  
Alex Cole-Hamilton, Scottish Liberal Democrat  
Pauline McNeill, Scottish Labour  
Bob Doris, Scottish National Party  
Alex Rowley, Scottish Labour  
Graham Simpson, Conservative

**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	Building Engineering Services Association Capability Scotland

	CIH Scotland Clachan Co-Housing Crisis Customer Focus Scotland Cyrenians Scotland Electrical Safety Council Federation of Master Builders Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living Grampian Housing Association Homeless Action Scotland Homes for Scotland Housing Options Scotland Leonard Cheshire Disability National Landlords Association National Trust for Scotland North Star Consulting & Research Pagoda Porter Novelli/McCarthy & Stone Positive Prisons Registers of Scotland RIAS RICS Royal Town Planning Institute Salvation Army Scottish Association of Landlords Scottish Churches Housing Action Scottish Cities Alliance Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA) Scottish Land and Estates Scottish Solicitors Property Centre Shelter Scotland Tenants Information Service (TIS) Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) Young Art Work
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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	Andy Wightman MSP
Deputy Convener	Pauline McNeil MSP (from 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2018)

Secretary	Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland (CIH Scotland) (from 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2018)
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).

Secretariat support was provided by the Tenants Information Service until 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The Tenants Information Service contract rate for work is £83 per hour which includes professional Development Director support and includes a dedicated and full administration service; liaison with the Convenor, meeting preparation and calling notices, minute taking and preparation, liaising with members, point of contact for speakers,

For each meeting:

- 1) Preparation for the meeting – agenda setting, preparation of the minutes, calling notices – 3 hours (£249)
- 2) Attendance at the meeting – 3 hours (£249)
- 3) Total - £498

The Cross Party Group on Housing hold 4 meetings a year, therefore the total cost of Secretariat support is £1,992 annually, however this was offered in kind from the Tenants Information Service.

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

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

N/A

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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