

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Industrial Communities

**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.)

5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

20<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

28<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**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]

6<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### 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.

5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

The Cross-Party Group received a presentation by David Wilson, Programme Director, Scottish National Investment Bank. He alerted colleagues to the 'Consultation on the Scottish National Investment Bank Bill' and provided an overview of the Vision and Objectives of the Bank.

The ICA Scotland Paper 'The Key Principles of Allocation in Scotland of the proposed UK Shared Prosperity Fund' was discussed and the five key principles were noted.

The meeting was attended by 1 MSP and 13 non-MSPs.

21st November 2018

The Cross-Party Group received an update from Colin Beattie MSP, Convener, on a meeting with Derek MacKay MSP and Cabinet Secretary on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 on the ICA Scotland paper 'The Key Principles of Allocation in Scotland of the proposed UK Shared Prosperity Fund' with representatives from the CPG. It was noted that the meeting was both positive and productive.

Gordon McGuinness, Director of Industry & Enterprise Networks, Skills Development Scotland delivered a presentation outlining the key issues and challenges in relation to the delivery of 'Developing the Young Workforce – Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy (2014)'.

Professor Steve Fothergill provided a presentation on 'The Future of Industrial Cities, Towns and Communities'. He focussed on key elements of the Report including 'The Distinctive Offer of Towns', 'The Policies we Need' and 'Where to Now?'

The meeting was attended by 3 MSPs and 12 non-MSPs.

30<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The Cross-Party Group received a report from the ICA Scotland Director on the meeting with Derek Mackay MSP, Cabinet Secretary on the 'Key Principles of Allocation of the proposed UK Shared Prosperity Fund.' The engagement was noted as being very positive.

Professor Steve Fothergill provided colleagues with an update on the 'Report of an initial Inquiry into the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, November 2018, from the All-Party Westminster Parliamentary Group on the Post-Brexit Funding for Nations, Regions and Local Areas'. It was agreed, with the support of the Convener, that the CPG would maintain its focus on 'European Funding Issues' in early 2019.

The meeting was attended by 2 MSPs and 9 non-MSPs.

27<sup>th</sup> March 2019

The Cross-Party Group received a briefing from the ICA Scotland Director, regarding his report on the Scottish Parliament Finance and Constitution Committee – Inquiry into Funding of EU Structural Fund Priorities. It was agreed that the Policy Advisory Group Scotland be asked to comment on and amend the future response drafted by the Director and that it be referred to a future meeting of the CPG and ICA Scotland for approval.

The Stronger Towns Fund – it was noted that an announcement had taken place in

Westminster about the proposed fund. It was agreed that Colin Beattie MSP and Convener would write to Derek Mackay MSP, Cabinet Secretary, to raise some of the issues which emerged from the Alliance GB's Secretariat analysis on the impact of formulae on the final quantum available to Scotland.

The meeting was attended by 2 MSPs and 10 non-MSPs.

20<sup>th</sup> June 2019

This meeting was arranged to deal with AGM business and the election of Office Bearers following the cancellation of the Cross-Party Group meeting due for the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 which was required to be rescheduled due to a Stage 3 Debate.

The following were agreed;

The minutes of the previous AGM Meeting dated the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were approved.

Colin Beattie MSP duly elected as Convener; Alex Rowley MSP duly elected as Vice-Convener and Roddy MacDonald appointed as Secretary.

The meeting was attended by 2 MSPs and 1 non-MSP.

## **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Clare Adamson – Scottish National Party  
Tom Arthur – Scottish National Party  
Colin Beattie – Scottish National Party  
Neil Bibby – Scottish Labour Party  
Mark Griffin – Scottish Labour Party  
Richard Leonard – Scottish Labour Party  
Angus MacDonald – Scottish National Party  
Fulton McGregor – Scottish National Party  
Stuart McMillan – Scottish National Party  
John Mason – Scottish National Party  
Alex Rowley – Scottish Labour Party  
Tavish Scott – Scottish Liberal Democrats  
Andy Wightman – Scottish Green Party

## 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

Organisations

Industrial Communities Alliance  
Argyll and Bute Council  
Coalfields Regeneration Trust  
Dumfries and Galloway Council  
East Ayrshire Council  
East Dunbartonshire Council  
East Renfrewshire Council  
Eden Trust  
Fife Council  
Glasgow City Council  
Inverclyde Council  
Midlothian Council  
National Union of Mineworkers  
North Ayrshire Council  
Renfrewshire Council  
Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations  
Scottish Enterprise  
Scottish Trades Union Congress  
Skills Development Scotland  
South Ayrshire Council  
South Lanarkshire Council  
West Dunbartonshire Council

## 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.

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| Convener        | Colin Beattie MSP                  |
| Deputy Convener | Alex Rowley MSP                    |
| Secretary       | Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland |
| Treasurer       | Not applicable                     |

### 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).

- All Secretariat support is provided free of charge by the Industrial Communities Alliance.

### SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

- No subscription is charged.

### CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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