

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.)
26 October 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
13 November 2020
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
13 November 2020
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]
15 October 2019
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.
Meeting 17 December 2019

Topic: Co-operative housing, including reflections on meeting with Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government and ideas for submission to Housing 2040 consultation.

Attendees: 12 external guests, plus James Kelly MSP

Meeting 26 February 2020

Topic: Scottish Government's role in and impact on co-operative development. This was an evidence gathering session in which four co-ops came to tell the CPG about their experiences of Scottish Government support.

Attendees: 18 external guests, plus James Kelly MSP

Report for CPG published by Co-operatives UK, 7 October

['Revive and Thrive: Why co-ops are pivotal to a fairer, stronger Scotland'](#)

Meeting 7 October 2020 (Virtual)

Topic: Launch of Revive and Thrive report, new policy recommendations for government and stories of how co-ops responded to Covid pandemic.

Attendees: 26 external guests, plus James Kelly MSP, Johann Lamont MSP, Monica Lennon MSP, Claire Baker MSP

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

James Kelly (Lab)

Willie Coffey (SNP)

Donald Cameron (Con)

Anas Sarwar (Lab)

Monica Lennon (Lab)

Neil Bibby (Lab)

John Scott (Con)

Johann Lamont (Lab)

Claudia Beamish (Lab)

Sarah Boyack (Lab)

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 - secretary Community Shares Scotland Co-operative Development Scotland Co-operative Education Trust Scotland Fair Trade Sports Balls Ltd Highland Home Carers Ltd Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society Scotmid Social Enterprise Scotland 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.

Convener	James Kelly
Deputy Convener	Willie Coffey
Secretary	James Wright, 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).

Co-operatives UK:
£762 (0.5 days officer time per month at £127 per day)
£40 catering

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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