

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross Party Group on Food
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.)
7 September 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
23 September 2020
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
8 October 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]
18 September 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.
28 January 2020 Attendance 2 MSPs, 43 non-MSPs. Chaired by Mark Ruskell MSP

There was an update on Brexit and then main theme was

Connecting Climate Change , Natural Capital and Health

There were presentations from;

- Prof Lorna Dawson – Head of Soil Forensics, James Hutton Institute, SEFARI Gateway Knowledge Exchange Lead for Environment , RSA Food, Farming and Countryside Commission Scotland Inquiry Lead
- Aoife Behan –Director Soil Association.

A series of questions were sent to the Group beforehand, reported in the meeting and summary answers sent out with minutes.

The following 2 meetings were cancelled due to Covid:

April 1st 2020

What Issues Should the CPG Food Discuss over next 50 meetings?

As this was the 50th meeting the plan was to have 10 speakers giving their thoughts and then opening the meeting for others to give their views.

June 10th 2020

Brexit and Trade

It is hoped to have this in November 2020.

23 September 2020

This was the AGM and had to be held virtually.
Attendance 4 MSPs, 48 non-MSPs. Chaired by John Scott MSP.

There was an election of officers and the following were elected:

Co-Conveners

John Scott Con
Mark Ruskell Green
Gail Ross SNP
Rhoda Grant Labour

Secretariat

Mary Lawton FDF Scotland

Covid 19 and Food Insecurity -What have we Learnt

Reviews of what had been done were sent out prior to the meeting and the following gave a bullet point of learning;

- Aileen Campbell Cab Sec for Communities and Gov
- Gillian Kynoch Fareshare
- Polly Jones Trussell Trust
- Steve Brown Edinburgh Food Social
- Michelle Carruthers Food Train
- Sara MacMillan The Kitchen at 44
- Bill Gray Public Health Scotland
- David Thomson FDF Scotland
- Gary Stephenson Devro
- Alistair Williams Macsween
- Ewan MacDonald Russell Scottish Retail Consortium
- Jenni Lang Asda
- Ray Lorimer Kafoodle
- Mark Bustard IBiolC
- Pete Ritchie Nourish
- Lorna Dawson SEFARI

There was an open debate.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

John Scott Con

Peter Chapman Con

Gail Ross SNP

Mark Ruskell Green

Patrick Harvie Green

Rhoda Grant Lab

Claire Baker Lab

Claudia Beamish Lab

Colin Smyth 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	Alfred Slade Elina Scheers Andersson Martin Meteyard Morag Jardine Denise Walton Lesley Stanley Christopher Trotter Colette Backwell Colette Walker John Whitehead Ian Shankland Maire Amelie Viatte Fiona Bird Peter Brown Bosse Dahlgren Chris Peace Angela Lamont Cate Devine Paul Swarbrigg Uel Morton Devon Scobie
Organisations	Aberdeen Uni Abertay Uni Action on Sugar Agrico AHDB AIC Scotland apetito

	Artilus
	Asda
	Bellenden
	British Dietetic Assn
	Business in the Community Scotland
	Caledonian Public Affairs
	Cancer Research
	Coca Cola
	Coeliac UK
	Community Food and Health Scotland
	Community Food Initiatives North East
	Compassion in World Farming
	COSLA
	Crops in Pots
	Dairy UK
	Dawnfresh
	Deans
	Devro
	Diabetes Scotland
	East Lothian Council
	Edinburgh Community Food
	Edinburgh Food Social
	Edinburgh Scientific Services
	Edinburgh University
	Fareshare
	Food and Drink Federation Scotland
	Food Standards Scotland
	Food Training Scotland
	Glasgow City Council
	Glasgow Caledonian Uni
	Greencity Wholefoods
	Halogen Communications
	Healthyliving award
	Hibernian Community Foundation
	Innovate

Institute of Food Science and Technology
Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre
Interface Food and Drink
Kafoodle
Kantar
Keep Scotland Beautiful
Keep Scotland the Brand
Kettle Produce
Lantra
Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership
Lynbreck Croft
Macswreens
McDonalds
MSD
Newcastle Uni
NFUS
NHS Lothian
Nourish
Nutrition Research and Communication
Obesity Action Scotland
OneKind
Pagoda PR
Pinnacle
Pinsent Masons
PLMR Scotland
Propagate Scotland
Public Health Scotland
Quality Meat Scotland
Queen Margaret University
3 R Energy
REHIS
Robert Gordon University
Royal Society of Arts
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
RHASS

	RSPB
	SAOS
	School of Thai Kitchen Scotland
	Scotch Whisky Association
	Scotland Food and Drink
	Scottish Agricultural College
	Scottish Bakers
	Scottish Craft Butchers
	Scottish Crofting Federation
	Scottish Enterprise
	Scottish Food Guide
	Scottish Food Quality Certification (SFQC)
	Scottish Government
	Scottish Land and Estates
	Scottish Natural Heritage
	Scottish Organic Milk
	Scottish Pig Producers
	Scottish Qualifications Association
	Scottish Retail Consortium
	Scottish Salmon Producers Org
	Seafish
	Seafood Scotland
	SEFARI-Scot Environ, Food and Agriculture Research Institutes
	SFQC
	Skills Development Scotland
	Slow Food
	Social Farms and Gardens
	Soil Association Scotland
	SRUC
	Stirling Uni
	Supernature
	Tartan Silk PR
	Taste Communications
	Tesco
	The Children's Orchard

	Transition Edinburgh Trellis Scotland UK Chinese Times UK Hospitality University of Aberdeen University of Abertay Vivid Solutions Wordbird William Reed Zero Waste Scotland
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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	John Scott, Gail Ross, Mark Ruskell, Rhoda Grant
Deputy Convener	None
Secretary	Mary Lawton FDF Scotland
Treasurer	None

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).

The Secretary receives support from FDFS. This is £400/day and covers 20 days a year.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

None

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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