

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Rail
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.)
25 October 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
18 November 2020
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
18 December 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]
27 November 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.
27 November 2019 - this meeting was only for the AGM to ensure compliance with the code of conduct. John Mason MSP and Pauline McNeill MSP were elected as co-conveners and Liam Kerr MSP and John Finnie MSP were elected as vice conveners. ScotRail Alliance were re-elected as secretariat.

25 February 2020 –This meeting concerned Cross-border rail and the CPG heard presentations from Avanti West Coast and then from LNER. The group heard of issues that cross-border rail faces and of latest developments.

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The meeting also included a presentation from Scotrail on COVID-19 measures taken to ensure safety for commuters and also on the impact the pandemic is having on the railways.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

John Mason (SNP)
Pauline McNeill (Scottish Labour)
Liam Kerr (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)
John Finnie (Scottish Green Party)
Alexander Stewart (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)
Neil Bibby (Scottish Labour)
Joan McAlpine (SNP)
David Stewart (Scottish Labour)
Mark Ruskell (Scottish Green Party)
Lewis Macdonald (Scottish Labour)
Sarah Boyack (Scottish Labour)
Jackie Baillie (Scottish 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

Stephen Young
Jim Harkins
Janice Connelly
Allan Maclean
Richard Arden
Daniel Giblin
Aaron McHale
Cameron Buchanan

Organisations	Allan Rail Aslef Campaign for Borders Rail Capital Rail Action Group Friends of the Far North Line HITRANS Levenmouth Rail Campaign Light Rail UK LRTA Montrose Port Authority NESTRANS Network Rail & ScotRail (working together as Scotland's Railway) Newburgh Train Station Group Rail Action Group East of Scotland Railfuture Scotland RailQwest St Andrews Rail Link Campaign SWestrans Tactran Transform Scotland Transport Focus West Coast Rail 250 Hitachi Rail Cycling Scotland Passenger Focus LNER
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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 Mason MSP/Pauline McNeill MSP
Deputy Convener	Liam Kerr MSP/John Finnie MSP
Secretary	Heather Noller, Scotland's Railway
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).

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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John Mason MSP

18 December 2020