

## 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

**20 September 2017**

**DATE OF PRECEDING AGM** [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]

**7 September 2016**

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

**3 October 2017**

### 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.

**7 September 2016**

Attendance 4 MSPs, 34 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

Richard Lochhead SNP  
Rhoda Grant Labour

### **Secretariat**

Mary Lawton FDF Scotland

The main topic discussed was Health and the Scottish consumer-Comparison of Scottish Consumption Habits with the rest of the UK. There were presentations from Amanda Brown, Strategic Insight Director Scotland and Cathy Capelin, Head of Nutrition Service at Kantar World Panel.

This was followed by an open debate.

### **5 October 2016**

Attendance 3 MSPs and 30 non-MSPs. Chaired by Richard Lochhead MSP.

There were 2 themes:

#### Productivity-Time for a Leap Forward

This highlighted the action plan launched on 7.9.16. There were the following short presentations:

- Overview of the importance of productivity to the food and drink industry- Alan Clarke, Chief Executive Scottish Bakers
- Support for productivity –Nick Shields, Director of the Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service
- Specific industry examples- Helen Muir Group, HR Dawnfresh and Ken Moran, General Manager Guala Closures

#### Ark of Taste

Wendy Barrie Director, Scottish food guide reviewed the Ark of Taste; a project to protect the world's endangered foods, the opportunities for Scotland and how to give input.

There was an open debate after each theme.

### **18 January 2017**

Attendance 3 MSPs, 34 non-MSPs. Chaired by Mark Ruskell MSP.

The main topic was:

#### Education, Career and Progression Routes in Food and Drink Manufacturing

There were 3 presentations;

- Schools-Moira Stalker , National Co-ordinator FDF Scotland's Schools Programme
- Colleges- Kate Matheson, Subject Mentor Food and drink, College Development Network
- Apprenticeships- Gerry McBride, Strategic Relations Manager Food and

## Drink, Skills Development Scotland

There was an open debate where it was agreed that a letter should be sent to relevant Ministers and Co-Conveners supporting the excellent work in skills and food education and raising concerns about funding beyond March 2017. This was done and replies received. Funding has now been allocated.

### **28 April 2017**

Attendance 3 MSPs, 33 Non-MSPs. Chaired by Rhoda Grant MSP.

The main topic was

What is the Future for Reformulation?

There were 2 presentations:

- Scene setting –Dr Alan Rowe, Food and drink specialist, Rowett Institute , University of Aberdeen
- Case Studies –Prof Baukje Roos, Deputy Director, Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen

This was followed by an open debate. The Common Interest Group in Reformulation was highlighted and the potential to become a member.

### **20 September 2017**

Attendance 3 MSPs 32 Non-MSPs. Chaired by John Scott MSP.

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

#### **Co-Conveners**

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Richard Lochhead SNP

Rhoda Grant Labour

#### **Secretariat**

Mary Lawton FDF Scotland

There was an update on malnutrition in Scotland which was a topic for the January 2016 meeting and subsequently letters had been sent to Ministers. Food Train had received £1.2 million from the Big Lottery.

The main topic was Food Access-Using Food as a Catalyst.

There was a presentation by Iain Stewart Chief Executive from Edinburgh Community Food. This was followed by an open debate and minutes of the meeting will be sent to the Scottish Government department dealing with the Good Food Nation initiative.

## **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

John Scott  
Richard Lochhead  
Mark Ruskell  
Rhoda Grant  
Patrick Harvie  
Claire Baker  
Claudia Beamish

## **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	Elina Scheers Andersson Martin Meteyard Morag Jardine Denise Walton Lesley Stanley Christopher Trotter Colette Backwell John Whitehead Ian Shankland Maire Amelie Viatte Fiona Bird Peter Brown Bosse Dahlgren
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Organisations	3 x 1 Public Relations Aberdeen Uni
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	Abertay Uni
	Advocate for Animals
	Agrico
	Artilus
	Asda
	Bellenden
	Caledonian Public Affairs
	Carnegie Trust
	Cooperative Development Scotland
	Coeliac UK
	Community Food and Health Scotland
	Community Food Initiatives North East
	COSLA
	Dairy UK
	Deans
	East Lothian Council
	Eco Schools
	Edinburgh Community Food
	Edinburgh Scientific Services
	Fareshare
	Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens
	Food and Drink Federation Scotland
	Food Standards Scotland
	Food Training Scotland
	Glasgow City Council
	Healthyliving award
	Institute of Food Science and Technology
	Interface Food and Drink
	Kantar
	Lantra
	Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership
	Lithgows
	Love Pure Cakes
	McDonalds
	Newcastle Uni

	NFUS
	NHS Health Scotland
	NHS Lothian
	Nourish
	Obesity Action Scotland
	Pagoda Porter Novelli
	Pilton Community Health Project
	Pinnacle
	Pinsent Masons
	PRGS
	Quality Meat Scotland
	Queen Margaret University
	REHIS
	Robert Gordon University
	RHASS
	Sainsburys
	SAOS
	School of Thai Kitchen Scotland
	Scotch Whisky Association
	Scotland Food and Drink
	Scottish Agricultural College
	Scottish Bakers
	Scottish Crofting Federation
	Scottish Enterprise
	Scottish Federation of Meat Traders' Association
	Scottish Food Guide
	Scottish Food Quality Certification (SFQC)
	Scottish Government
	Scottish Natural Heritage
	Scottish Organic Milk
	Scottish Qualifications Association
	Scottish Retail Consortium
	Scottish Salmon Producers Org
	Seafish
	Seafood Scotland

	SFQC Skills Development Scotland Slow Food Soil Association Scotland Tartan Silk PR Taste Communications Tesco The Children's Orchard Trellis Scotland UK Chinese Times 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, Richard Lochhead, Mark Ruskell, Rhoda Grant
Deputy Convener	None
Secretary	Mary Lawton Food and Drink Federation 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 SFDF. This is £400/day and currently covers 15 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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