

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Housing

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.)

5th October 2016

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

13th 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]

5th October 2016

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

3rd 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.

To allow housing organisations and MSPs to share information and gather knowledge on all matters relating to housing.

Wednesday 5th October 2016, 1-2pm

Meeting to re-register the group.

The agenda consisted of:

- Conformation of MSP members
- Agreement for all Non MSP members (individual and organisational)
- MSP Convenor and Office Bearers selection
- Secretariat nomination
- Future Cross Party Group Business
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Attended by: 5 MSP members, 10 non MSP members and 5 interested meeting attendees

Wednesday 25th January 2017, 1-2pm

The meeting focussed on “Cohousing in Scotland” and the agenda included:

- Cohousing presentations and discussion from the following organisations
 - o Clachan Cohousing
 - o Penington Cohousing
 - o Cohousing in Southern Scotland

Attended by: 1 MSP member, 15 non MSP members and 26 interested attendees

Wednesday 19th April 2017, 1-2pm

The meeting focussed on “Land Supply across all Tenures and Models” and the agenda included presentations and discussions as follows:

- **Stephen Pathirana**
Head of Housing Markets, Strategy and North Programmes (More Homes Division), Scottish Government.
- **Prof David Adams**
Ian Mactaggart Chair of Property and Urban Studies at the University of Glasgow
- **Matthew Benson**
Director, Rettie & Co.

Attended by: 2 MSP member, 8 non MSP members and 12 interested meeting attendees

Wednesday 13th September 2017, 1-2pm

The meeting focussed on “Solutions to Vulnerability in Housing” and the agenda included presentations and discussions as follows:

- Patrick McKay from Turning Point Scotland who will discuss how his organisation have adapted to using the [Housing First model](#).
- Ashley Campbell from the Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland who will

present research on the impact of introducing the shared accommodation rate (affecting single people under 35) to the social housing sector.

- Thomas Pocklington Trust who have recently published a [Housing Guide for People with Sight Loss](#).

In addition, a discussion also took place under AOCB relating to the implementation of the new tenancy agreements in the private rented sector.

Attended by: 3 MSP members, 13 non MSP members and 6 interested meeting attendees

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Andy Wightman, Scottish Green Party
Ben Macpherson, Scottish National Party
Alex Cole-Hamilton, Scottish Liberal Democrat
Pauline McNeill, Scottish Labour
Bob Doris, Scottish National Party
Alex Rowley, 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	N/A
Organisations	TPAS Crisis Housing Options Scotland Shelter Scotland Homeless Action Scotland Scottish Churches Housing Action Chartered Institute of Housing Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living Grampian Housing Association Pagoda Porter Novelli/McCarthy & Stone Customer Focus Scotland National Landlords Association Scottish Land and Estates

	RICS Scottish Association of Landlords Capability Scotland RIAS Life Changes Trust Scottish Solicitors Property Centre TIS Leonard Cheshire Disability Electrical Safety Council Scottish Cities Alliance Andy Wightman MSP Office Scottish Federation of Housing Associations Capability Scotland Federation of Master Builders Electrical Safety Council Salvation Army Positive Prisons Young Art Work Clachan Co-Housing Building Engineering Services Association Royal Town Planning Institute RICS North Star Consulting & Research Homes for Scotland Tenants Information Service
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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	Andy Wightman MSP
Deputy Convener	Ben Macpherson MSP
Secretary	Tenants Information Service
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).

Secretariat support is provided by Lynda Johnstone, Development Director of the Tenants Information Service.

The Tenants Information Service contract rate for work is £83 per hour which includes professional Development Director support and includes a dedicated and full administration service; liaison with the Convenor, meeting preparation and calling notices, minute taking and preparation, liaising with members, point of contact for speakers,

For each meeting:

- 1) Preparation for the meeting – agenda setting, preparation of the minutes, calling notices – 3 hours (£249)
- 2) Attendance at the meeting – 3 hours (£249)
- 3) Total - £498

The Cross Party Group on Housing hold 4 meetings a year, therefore the total cost of Secretariat support is £1,992 annually, however this is offered in kind from the Tenants Information Service.

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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