

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Construction

### PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

#### 1 – Proposed of the Group

The aim of the Group is to ensure that Scotland has a world-class construction industry delivering best value for its clients, a safe environment on its sites and a proper career path and employment prospects for its people.

The Cross-Party Group will be the forum for Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs), stakeholders and interested parties to engage directly with each other in order to raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges facing the sector and to better inform the development of policy in this important area.

#### 2 – Explanation of Group and Purpose

The Group allows a wide cross section of the construction industry to raise matters of importance to MSPs. Many of those who attend the meetings don't have other methods of engaging with MSPs on a regular basis.

Scottish construction is a £21.9bn industry contributing to 10% of Scotland's GDP. It employs over 189,000 people, about 1 in 10 of the Scottish working population, and through its supply chain generates significant additional jobs, growth and prosperity.

But construction's impact is wider than the economy: it is essential to the function of everyday life. It enables manufacturers to produce and deliver their products, schools and universities to teach and hospitals to operate and provides offices to work in and homes which put a roof over people's heads.

#### 3 - Overlap with Other CPGs

CPG Culture – 20% of Scotland's homes are build pre-1919 and therefore form part of the Culture Secretary's portfolio. While traditional buildings form a significant element of construction, construction is not often deemed as a

significant element of culture. The Construction CPG is not aware of construction related matters being debated and discussed at CPG Culture in the past.

CPG Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency – Residential sector accounts for 33% of carbon emissions in Scotland. Of the existing domestic structures we have today, 85% will still be in use by 2050 Climate Change (Scotland) Act has specified an 80% reduction in carbon emissions.

While CPG REEE does include existing and new buildings in discussions about energy efficiency, it does not look in the same depth at key and significant elements of construction which are imperative to ensure an active industry.

#### 4 - Future Topics

Apprenticeships – the forecast skills shortage for the industry and how this can be addressed including innovative ways of training the existing and future workforce.

Planning – the Scottish Government is expected to undertake a planning review during this parliament.

Apprenticeship Levy – The UK Government is going to introduce an Apprenticeship Levy in April 2017. The construction industry already pays a levy to Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and the group will discuss how this is going to affect those contractors affected and future training provision across the construction industry.

#### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Alex Johnstone MSP - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Monica Lennon MSP- Scottish Labour

Sandra White MSP - Scottish National Party

Alison Johnstone MSP- Scottish Green Party

Christina McKelvie MSP - Scottish National Party

Pauline McNeill MSP - 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	
Organisations	Association for Consultancy and Engineering Building and Engineering Services Association

	<p>Civil Engineering Contractors Association Scotland - Treasurer</p> <p>Chartered Institute of Building</p> <p>Considerate Contractors Scheme</p> <p>Construction Industry Training Board</p> <p>Engineering Construction Industry Training Board</p> <p>Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education</p> <p>Federation of Master Builders</p> <p>Finishes and Interiors Sector</p> <p>Glass and Glazing Federation</p> <p>Homes for Scotland</p> <p>Institution of Civil Engineers</p> <p>National Housing Building Council Scotland</p> <p>Mineral Products Association Scotland</p> <p>Royal Incorporation of Architects Scotland</p> <p>Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors</p> <p>Scottish Building Federation</p> <p>Scottish Contractors Group - Secretary</p> <p>Scottish Enterprise</p> <p>Scottish and Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation</p> <p>SELECT</p> <p>The Association for Project Safety</p> <p>UCATT</p> <p>Unite the Union</p>
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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	Alex Johnstone MSP
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Deputy Convener	Monica Lennon MSP Alison Johnstone MSP Christina McKelvie MSP
Secretary	Scottish Contractors Group
Treasurer	Civil Engineering Contractors Association Scotland

#### **FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.

It is estimated the value of the support provided from a single source by the Secretary and Treasurer is below £500.

#### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

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

£40 per member organisation to pay for refreshments before meetings.

#### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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#### **STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Construction is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed

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