

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Rail

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

Please provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.

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.

Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

The aims of the CPG are to:

- To encourage the development and extension of quality rail services for the people and economy of Scotland.
- To ensure that rail has a high profile in the Scottish Parliament.
- To influence Scottish Government policy on rail, including on connectivity.
- To liaise with Transport Scotland, Network Rail, franchise holders, trades unions, rail interest groups and other such organisations to ensure that MSPs are kept up to date on matters pertaining to rail in Scotland.

Over the coming 12 months topics will be discussed regarding issues of interest to the Rail Sector in Scotland.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

John Mason, John Finnie, David Stewart, Neil Bibby, Jackie Baillie, Pauline McNeill, Oliver Mundell, Emma Harper, Joan McAlpine, Lewis MacDonald, Mark Ruskell, Maree Todd

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.

Organisations

Railfuture Scotland
West Coast Rail 250

	SWestrans Transport Focus Light Rail UK Capital Rail Action Group Pagoda Aslef Pollokshields Community Council Transform Scotland Tacturn RailQwest Campaign for Borders Rail West Coast Rail 250 Tram-Forward StARLink Campaign Newburgh Train Station Group LRTA Tram-Forward group ScotRail Alliance Levenmouth Rail Rail Action Group, East of Scotland
Individuals	Stephen Young Jim Harkins Janice Connelly Allan Maclean Richard Arden Daniel Giblin
<p>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</p> <p>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.</p>	
Co-Convener	John Mason MSP
Co-Convener	Pauline McNeill
Secretary	ScotRail Alliance
Treasurer	ScotRail Alliance

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.

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.

NA for previous calendar year.

Over the following year ScotRail alliance have agreed to provide secretarial support and light catering. Cost of support is estimated to be below the limit.

Details to be confirmed

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

NA

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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

Signed	Alexander Kerr
Date	27/10/16