

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Housing

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. To allow housing organisations and MSPs to share information and gather knowledge on all matters relating to housing.
2. Housing is a major part of the Scottish Parliament's competence and involves a range of policy areas including planning, energy, transport and infrastructure. There are a wide range of interested parties in housing and MSPs will benefit from the opportunity to engage with them on a regular basis.
3. There are some minor overlaps with eg Rural Policy but the Housing CPG is the key focus of all housing matters.
4. Homelessness, energy-efficiency & fuel poverty, planning and design, social housing (the Scottish Social Housing Charter and the Scottish Housing Regulator), private-rented sector, new housing supply, maintenance & repair of existing housing.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Andy Wightman MSP

Ben Macpherson MSP

Alex Rowley MSP

Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP

Pauline McNeill MSP

Bob Doris MSP

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

Capability Scotland
Chartered Institute of Housing
Civil Engineering Contractors Association
Crisis
Customer Focus Scotland
Electrical Safety Council
Federation of Master Builders
Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living
Grampian Housing Association
Homeless Action Scotland
Homes for Scotland
Housing Options Scotland
Leonard Cheshire Disability
Life Changes Trust
Living Rent
National Landlords Association
Pagoda Porter Novelli/McCarthy & Stone
Positive Prisons
RIAS
Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
RTO Regional Network Scotland
Rural Housing Scotland
Scottish Association of Landlords
Salvation Army
Scottish Association of Landlords
Scottish Churches Housing Action
Scottish Cities Alliance
Scottish Federation of Housing Associations
Scottish Land and Estates
Scottish Solicitors Property Centre
Shelter Scotland
Tenants Information Service
Tenant Participation Advisory Service

ROUP 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	

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.

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

The Tenants Information Service contract rate for work is £82 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 (£246)
- 2) Attendance at the meeting – 3 hours (£246)
- 3) Total - £492

The Cross Party Group on Housing hold 4 meetings a year, therefore the total cost of Secretariat support is £1,968 annually, however this is offered in kind from the Tenants Information Service.

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.

N/A

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Andy Wightman
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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Housing 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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Date	
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