

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Co-ops

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.)

6th October 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

29th October 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

16th December 2024

Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

13th December 2024

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.

The Group met on 28th February 2024 to discuss the Co-operative and Mutual Prospectus report published by Co-operatives UK, Building Societies Association, Association of Financial Mutuals, Association of British Credit Union.

The group met again on 29th October to have an AGM and reconstitute the CPG.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Scottish Labour- Paul Sweeney, Claire Baker, Colin Smyth, Sarah Boyack, Foyso Choudhury, Monica Lennon, Paul O’Kane, Scottish Greens- Maggie Chapman, SNP- Evelyn Tweed

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	Carol G Boden, Darah Zahran, Duncan Thorp, James Booth, Louise Scott, Lucinda Broadbent, Richard McCready, Steve West, Garreth Roberts, David Somervell, Kattie Little, James Baster, Jaye Martin, Suzanne Orchard, Gillian Kirton, Jack Lord, Martin Meteyard, Stephen Kelly, Ruth Hall, James Proctor, Katharine McCrossan, Stephen Gill, Andy Maybury, Fasil Bogale, John Dalley, Pat Strutton, Anne Thomson, Dr Andrea Tonner, Jim Mackenzie, Hayley Street, Larke Adger, David Mills Nariese Whyte, Erin Smith, May Armstrong, Christopher Flemming, Miranda Geelhoed, Steve Hunter, Emilia Kibble, Matt Pearce, David Ross, Chrissie Sugden, Steve West
Organisations	Edinburgh Student Housing Co-op, Glasgow Student Housing Co-op, Media Co-op, Co-operatives UK, Greencity Wholefoods, VME Co-op, Association of Scottish green Councillors, Scottish Co-operative Party

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	Paul Sweeney MSP
Deputy Convener	Claire Baker MSP
Secretary	Tom Laing, Co-operatives UK
Treasurer	

Financial Benefits or Other Benefits

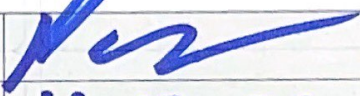
Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Co-operatives UK will provide secretariat for the CPG. This support is valued at c£1,345 of Co-operatives UK's staffing costs for c12 days of officer time a year.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT (Please tick all boxes that apply)

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on <X>, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	X
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	X
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	X
Provided minutes of all meetings	X
Signed	
Date	16-12-24