

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Co-operatives

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.)

6 October 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

13 December 2023

Date Annual Return Submitted

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]

2 November 2022

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 CPG on Co-operatives has not been compliant as has only had 7 MSPs from 2 parties up until October 2023, the AGM held

on 13 December 2023 was the first meeting held since it has been able to confirm 8 MSPs from 3 different parties. It will now progress in line with standing orders for the feasible.

13 December 2023

5 MSPs 24 Non-MSPs

AGM

Discussion on Housing Co-operatives

Speakers- Edinburgh Student Housing Co-op, West Granton Housing Co-operative and Glasgow Student Housing Co-op

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, Chris Cowcher, 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, Juliette Summers
Organisations	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-operativesUK

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 Co-operatives, 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	✓
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	✓
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	✓
Provided minutes of all meetings	✓
Signed	
Date	21/12/23