

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Credit Unions
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none">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.
<p>To provide a forum to discuss issues which affect credit unions in Scotland. The CPG will also create a foundation for policy development relating to credit unions and help to form a network of good practice between credit unions and parliamentarians.</p> <p>Credit unions fall into a number of areas within the Scottish Government's programme for government, and increasingly being discussed in relation to a number of policy areas generally. The cross party group will provide a forum for the sector and parliamentarians to discuss how we can move this forward. No other CPGs exist in this area at the moment and, according to the Scottish Parliament's website, none are proposed at this time. The current draft programme for the first year includes meetings on</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. How credit unions fit into the new Scottish Government's agenda and Programme for Government.b. Where credit unions fit into the increasingly topical financial inclusion agenda.c. How credit unions can better engage a more diverse and inclusive membership. And improve the access to credit unions across Scotland.

d. Sustainability, promotion, and development of the credit union sector.

This may change subject to policy developments.

MSP Members of the Group

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

Tess White MSP (Scottish Conservatives and Unionist Party)

John Mason MSP (SNP)

Stuart McMillan MSP (SNP)

Paul Sweeney MSP (Scottish Labour and Co-operative Party)

Graham Simpson MSP (Scottish Conservative Party)

Miles Briggs MSP (Scottish Conservative Party)

Stephen Kerr MSP (Scottish Conservative Party)

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 of British Credit Unions Ltd (Scotland) Scottish League of Credit Unions ACE Credit Union Services UK Credit Unions Ltd National Credit Union Forum

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

Tess White MSP

Deputy Convener

Paul Sweeney MSP
Stuart McMillan MSP

Secretary

Association of British Credit Unions (Scotland)

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.

Association of British Credit Unions (Scotland) covers the cost of teas/coffees for approximately 4 meetings per year. In the last session this cost £28.20 per meeting, so we anticipate a similar amount dependent on the cost of Scottish Parliament catering.

ABCUL Scotland also provides secretariat support for approximately 8 days per year, at an estimated market value of £2,400.

In previous years, the CPG has organised a reception in Parliament to mark International Credit Union Day, with financial support from CUNA Mutual for catering to the value of £2000. No such event will take place in 2021, and no arrangements are in place at this time to have one over the next 12 months. However, it is possible that we would look to have a similar event at some point over the course of this Parliament.

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

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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Credit Unions is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	
Date	