

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

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| NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP |
| Cross Party Group on Food |
| 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.) |
| 22 September 2021 |
| DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM |
| 5 September 2023 |
| DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED |
| 7 September 2023 |
| DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM] |
| 21 September 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. |
| September 21 2022 (AGM) Attendance 5 MSPs, 35 non-MSPs. Chaired by Rhoda Grant MSP. The meeting was held virtually. |

There was an election of officers and the following were elected:

Co-Conveners

Rhoda Grant MSP Labour

Jim Fairlie MSP SNP

Annie Wells MSP Con

Secretariat

Kirsty Tinsdale, Food and Drink Federation Scotland

Innovation in the Food and Drink Industry –What does it Actually Mean?

Thoughts from:

- Alistair Williams, Food and Drink Theme Lead, National Manufacturing Institute for Scotland (NIMS)
- Dr Jon Wilkin, Senior Lecturer in New Product Development, Abertay University Transform Net Zero Project
- Dr Ollie Folayan, Co-Founder and Chair, Association of Black and Minority Ethnic Engineers and member of Scottish Government's Equalities and Wellbeing in Manufacturing Working Group

Case study from:

- John Farley, Director, Sutherland's of Portsoy

This was followed by an open debate.

25 January 2023

Attendance 2 MSPs, 58 non-MSPs. Chaired by Annie Wells MSP. This meeting was a hybrid meeting.

The theme was the journey to Net Zero – where are we now?

There were presentations from:

- Pete Ritchie, Executive Director, Nourish Scotland
- Professor Colin Campbell, Chief Executive Officer, James Hutton Institute
- Iain Clunie, Net Zero Programme Director, Food and Drink Federation Scotland

This was followed by an open debate.

17 May 2023

Attendance 4 MSPs, 50 non-MSPs. Chaired jointly by Rhoda Grant MSP and Jim Fairlie MSP. This meeting was a hybrid meeting.

The theme was collaborating on dietary health inequalities - where can we best focus our efforts to help tackle this issue?

There were presentations from:

- Dr Gillian Purdon, Head of Public Health Nutrition, Food Standards Scotland
- Claire Hislop, Organisational Lead – Diet, Physical Activity & Healthy Weight, Public Health Scotland
- Marie-Amélie Viatte - Advocate for a regenerative, localised food systems/Founder of the Power of Food Festival/Trustee of the Granton Community Gardeners
- Ewan MacDonald-Russell, Deputy Head, the Scottish Retail Consortium

This was followed by an open debate.

5 September 2023 (AGM)

Attendance 5 MSPs 40 non-MSPs. Chaired by Rhoda Grant MSP. This meeting was a hybrid meeting.

There was an election of officers and the following were elected:

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Jim Fairlie MSP SNP
Annie Wells MSP Con

Secretariat

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The theme was Good Food Nation: The economic opportunity.

There were presentations from:

- Cat Hay, Head of Policy, Food and Drink Federation Scotland
- Andrew Morrison, Head of Enforcement Delivery Branch, Food Standards Scotland

- Jayne Jones, Senior Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

This was followed by an open debate.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Rhoda Grant Lab

Claire Baker Lab

Colin Smyth Lab

Jim Fairlie SNP

Brian Whittle Con

Annie Wells Con

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

Martin Meteyard

Lesley Stanley

Marie-Amelie Viatte

Fiona Bird

Bosse Dahlgren

Cate Devine

Natasha Martins

Simon Macdonald

Faith Davies

Stephen Kelly

Mary Lawton

Carrie Ruxton

Laura Wyness

Rosa Holt

Ann Packard

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| Organisations | Abertay University Agrecalc Agrico Agricultural Industries Confederation Scotland Argyll and Bute Council Artilus Asda Biomics BITC Scotland British Coffee Association CFINE Charlesfield Farms Citypress ClimateXChange Company Shop Group Compassion Edinburgh - Local Volunteer Group Consumer Scotland Dairy UK Devro Fareshare Scotland Food & Drink Exporters Association Food and Drink Federation Scotland Food Integrity Assurance Food Standards Scotland Food Train Food Training Scotland Forth Environment Link Glenkens Food Hub Halogen Communications Hospitality Industry Trust IFST IntelliDigest Interface James Hutton Institute |
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| | New Nutrition Business |
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| | Obesity Action Scotland |
| | OneKind |
| | Nourish Scotland |
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| | Propagate Scotland |
| | Public Health Scotland |
| | Quality Meat Scotland |
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| | Royal Society of Chemistry |
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| | SCDI |
| | Scotland Food & Drink |
| | Scottish Craft Butchers |
| | Scottish Environment Protection Agency |
| | Scottish Food Guide |
| | Scottish Government |
| | Scottish Land & Estates |
| | Scottish Retail Consortium |

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| | Scottish Wholesale Association Soil Association Scotland SQA Stockfree Farming Strathclyde University TESCO The Open University in Scotland The Orchard Project The Scottish Pantry Network The Soil Association Transition Edinburgh South (Scotland) UK Chinese Times University of Aberdeen Vivid Ideas and Solutions WWF Scotland |
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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.

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| Convener | Rhoda Grant, Jim Fairlie, Annie Wells |
| Deputy Convener | None |
| Secretary | Kirsty Tinsdale, Food and Drink Federation Scotland |
| Treasurer | None |

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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this 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.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

None

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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