

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Future of Football in Scotland
Date Group Established
28 th October 2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
4 th October 2023
Date Annual Return Submitted
5 th October 2023
Date of Preceding AGM
6 th December 2022
Group Meetings and Activities
<p>The group's main focus for 2023 was hosting a Parliamentary reception to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the SFA. This event took place in the Garden Lobby on May 31st and was well attended. The event shone a light on the clubs, schools, players, volunteers, and fans who make football possible, the event was a wonderful way to share inspirational stories that encapsulate the power of football.</p> <p>Following on from the English Fan-Led Review of Football Governance: securing the game's future, The Scottish Football Supporters Association (SFSA), commissioned their own Fan-Led Review in Scotland in 2021. This included setting up a Scottish Football Alliance working group comprising supporters, players,</p>

coaches, officials and club representatives. The aim was to think about the way the game is run, and to make proposals about how its governance and finance is scrutinised and supervised. This Alliance work was led by Henry McLeish. The SFSA have now spoken to over 100 industry professionals and had submissions from over 200 individuals and supporters and group. The SFSA have stressed the key role that Scottish football can and should play in community life and public interest. On Wednesday 21st June, the report was published at an event in Holyrood, chaired by Fulton MacGregor in his capacity as convenor of the CPG. Discussions and analysis of the review is ongoing.

The Scottish FA Football for All strategy was again discussed in 2023. Paul McNeil of the SFA gave further updates on the strategy and how football clubs can help their communities and wider society.

At the AGM on October 4th, it was mooted that a subcommittee may be established within the CPG in order to proactively enact change within Scottish Football as there were some concerns that the CPG might turn into solely a discussion forum. Into 2024 it is planned that the CPG will take on projects and campaigns to better the future of Scottish Football.

MSP Members of The Group

Fulton MacGregor (SNP)

Jeremy Balfour (Con)

Colin Smyth (Lab)

James Dornan (SNP)

Maurice Golden (Con)

Non-MSP Members of The Group

Individuals

N/A

Organisations	Scottish Football Association Scottish Professional Football League SPFL Trust Scottish Women's Football Scottish Disabled Supporters' Association Scottish Football Supporters' Association Supporters' Direct Police Scotland FIFPro Professional Footballers' Association Sportscotland
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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.

Convener	Fulton MacGregor MSP
Deputy Convener	Jeremy Balfour MSP
Secretary	Paul McNeil (SFA)
Treasurer	Andy Gould (SFA)

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

N/A

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