

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Housing
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.
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The purpose of the group is to allow housing organisations and MSPs to gather knowledge on all matters relating to housing.2. It will be a space to allow a broad cross-section of the housing sector, along with Parliamentarians, to investigate longstanding and current housing concerns and challenges, with a view to achieve meaningful contributions to advancing the housing policy debate in a non-partisan fashion. <p>Housing is an important but unequally distributed component of private household wealth, a principal element of household spending and the site of many social and economic challenges across Scotland. It is closely wedded to communities, neighbourhoods and our sense of place. It is one of the most discussed topics in MSP constituencies and correspondence. The group intends to focus on matters of both immediate and longer term interest to the housing sector across all tenures over the next twelve months and over the current Parliamentary session. This is likely to consider the implementation of the Scottish Government's vision for Housing to 2040. Specific topics (see response 4. below) will be agreed by the Convenor, Deputy Convenors and through active consultation with group members.</p>

3. The Group does not consider there to be any overlaps with any existing Cross-Party Groups.

4. The agenda for the Housing CPG will, subject to consultation, combine the more immediate elements of Housing to 2040 parliamentary and government business (e.g. right to adequate housing, homelessness prevention, renter reform strategy, the affordable supply programme), as well as longer term concerns, such as policies to achieve net zero among new homes and the existing housing stock. The CPG intends to begin with a rapid mini inquiry, calling for evidence and hearing a range of sector views, on possible directions for rent control policy in the Scottish private rented sector.

MSP Members of the Group

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

Graham Simpson MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Miles Briggs MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Elena Whitham MSP (Scottish National Party)

Kaukab Stewart MSP (Scottish National Party)

Ariane Burgess MSP (Scottish Green Party)

Alex Rowley MSP (Scottish Labour Party)

Mark Griffin MSP (Scottish Labour Party)

Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

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

Cllr Peter Barratt

Organisations

Age Scotland

	<p>Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO)</p> <p>Building Engineering Services Association</p> <p>Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE)</p> <p>Capability Scotland</p> <p>Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Scotland</p> <p>Clachan Co-housing</p> <p>Crisis</p> <p>Cyrenians Scotland</p> <p>Electrical safety Council</p> <p>Energy Action Scotland</p> <p>Edinburgh Solicitors Property Centre (ESPC)</p> <p>Federation of Master Builders</p> <p>Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living (GCIL)</p> <p>Grampian Housing Association</p> <p>Homeless Action Scotland</p> <p>Homeless Network Scotland</p> <p>Homes for Scotland</p> <p>Horizon Housing Association</p> <p>Housing by People</p> <p>Housing Options Scotland</p> <p>Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF)</p> <p>LGBT Youth Scotland</p> <p>Living Rent</p> <p>MCS Charitable Foundation</p> <p>National Landlords Association (NLA)</p> <p>National Trust for Scotland</p> <p>North Star Consulting & Research</p>
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	Pagoda Porter Novelli/McCarthy & Stone PAS Pentland Communications Positive Prisons Public Health Scotland Registers of Scotland RIAS Rural Housing Scotland Salvation Army Scottish Association of Landlords (SAL) Scottish Churches Housing Action Scottish Cities Alliance Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA) Shelter Scotland Sovereign Property Partners Taylor Wimpey The Vivarium Trust Tenants Information Service (TIS) Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) Young Artwork
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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	Graham Simpson MSP
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Deputy Convener	Elena Whitham MSP Ariane Burgess MSP
Secretary	Professor Ken Gibb, University of Glasgow and UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence
Treasurer	N/A
<p>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>The Group does not anticipate receiving any financial benefits and secretariat support is provided in kind.</p>	
<p>Subscription Charged by the Group</p> <p>Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
<p>N/A</p>	
<p>Convener Contact Details</p>	
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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
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I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Housing is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
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Signed	Graham Simpson MSP
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