

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Industrial Communities

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.)

23rd June 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

20th June 2023

Date Annual Return Submitted

23rd June 2023

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]

21st June 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.

CPG – 27th September 2022. MSPs present – 2; Non MSPs present – 9.

Topics Covered.

- Unlocking Potential Pilot Project presentation from Anne Farquharson, Open University Assistant Director Marketing.
- Economic Inactivity, Long-term Sickness, and the Pandemic – Alliance Report presented by Professor Steve Fothergill.
- The Allocation of Levelling Up Funding – Report presented by Professor Steve Fothergill.

CPG – 29th November 2022. MSPs present - 4; Non MSPs present – 9.

Topics Covered.

- Presentation from Richard Lochhead MSP and Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work on the Scottish Government Perspective on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the Levelling Up Proposals.
- Six Principles for Streamlined Levelling Up Funding – Paper presented by Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director

CPG – 31st January 2023. MSPs present - 2; Non MSPs present - 9.

Topics Covered.

- Streamlining Levelling Up Funding – A Position Statement. Presentation from Professor Steve Fothergill.
- The Brown Commission Report – Discussion led by Professor Steve Fothergill and Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director.
- Invitation to Lisa Nandy MP and Shadow Levelling Up Secretary to address the Cross-Party Group on the Levelling Up Agenda from a UK-Wide perspective.

CPG – 18th April 2023. MSPs present - 2; Non MSPs present – 8.

Topics Covered.

- Future of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Recommendations from the Alliance. Presentation on the report from Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director.
- The New Investment Zones – An Alliance assessment of their likely impact. Presentation on the report from Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director.

CPG – 20th June 2023. MSPs present - 3; Non MSPs present - 7.

Topics Covered.

- Election of Office Bearers – Colin Beattie MSP was elected Convener, Alex Rowley MSP was elected Deputy Convener and Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director was elected Secretary.
- Next Steps in Levelling Up the Former Coalfields – All-Party Parliamentary Group on Coalfield Communities. Discussion on the report led by Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director. Group agreed to issue report to key Ministers and MSPs at Holyrood.
- Review of the CPG business activities over the past Parliamentary Session – Roddy MacDonald, Secretary. An overview was provided on the topics covered by the CPG over the past session and the impact of the Group.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Clare Adamson – Scottish National Party

Jeremy Balfour – Scottish Conservative Party

Colin Beattie – Scottish National Party
 Richard Leonard – Scottish Labour Party
 John Mason – Scottish National Party
 Alex Rowley – Scottish Labour Party
 Brian Whittle – 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

Industrial Communities Alliance
 Argyll & Bute Council
 Coalfields Regeneration Trust
 Dumfries & Galloway Council
 East Ayrshire Council
 East Dunbartonshire Council
 East Renfrewshire Council
 Fife Council
 Glasgow City Council
 Inverclyde Council
 Midlothian Council
 National Union of Mineworkers
 North Ayrshire Council
 North Lanarkshire Council
 Open University
 Renfrewshire Council
 South Ayrshire Council
 South Lanarkshire Council
 West Dunbarton Council

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	Colin Beattie MSP
Deputy Convener	Alex Rowley MSP
Secretary	Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director
Treasurer	Not applicable

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.

No subscriptions are charged by the Cross-Party Group (CPG).

All support provided to the CPG via the Alliance Scotland Secretariat is on a pro bono basis.

However, it should be formally recorded that the value of this support has been considered and is less than the £500 threshold for disclosure. More details can be provided if required by Roddy MacDonald, Secretary and Alliance Scotland Director – 07720540083.

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