Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Industrial Communities

Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics

- 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.

1. Proposed Purpose

Seek to understand and highlight the range of ongoing issues affecting Scotland's former traditional industrial communities who have experienced industrial decline over the last few decades. Ongoing issues are likely to include youth unemployment, town centre regeneration, health inequalities, low educational attainment, regeneration funding and poor environmental conditions. The term 'former industrial communities' covers a range of traditional industries including coal, steel, textiles and shipbuilding.

2. BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PURPOSE

The Group intends to examine the issues that affect Scotland's industrial communities and what can be done to revitalise them. This is in the public interest as such communities form a large part of Scottish society and revitalisation would have many substantial socio-economic benefits.

3. OVERLAP WITH OTHER GROUPS

There may be some overlap with the Towns and Town Centres CPG. However the Industrial Communities CPG does not focus specifically on towns but on communities in general.

4. PROPOSED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- Replacement of EU Funds UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the Levelling Up Fund
- Vacant and Derelict Land issues
- Fair Work
- Greenports
- Manufacturing 4.0
- Post EU initiatives to replace Erasmus and Adult Education Programmes
- Geo-thermal energy and the Green Agenda
- Town Centre Regeneration
- Coalfield Regeneration Trust Initiatives
- Skills Development Scotland Training and Employment Opportunities
- Community Wealth Building

MSP Members of the Group

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

Clare Adamson [SNP]

Jeremy Balfour [CON]

Colin Beattie [SNP]

Richard Leonard [LAB]

John Mason [SNP]

Paul McLennan [SNP]

Alex Rowley [LAB]

Brian Whittle [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			
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Industrial Communities Alliance - Secretary

Argyll and Bute Council

Clackmannanshire Council

Coalfield Communities Federation

Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Dumfries and 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

Renfrewshire Council

South Ayrshire Council

South Lanarkshire Council

West Dunbartonshire 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, coconveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Colin Beattie MSP
Deputy Convener	Alex Rowley MSP
Secretary	Roddy MacDonald
Treasurer	N/A

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.

N/A

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

Convener Contact Details

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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Industrial Communities is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.		
Signed		
Date	09/07/2021	