Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Please read Section 6 of the Code of Conduct before completing this form.

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross Party Group for Forestry and Wood Processing Industries

Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.

   The purpose of the Cross-Party Group for Forestry and Wood Processing Industries will be to promote the wellbeing of the forestry and wood processing industries, and the wider health of the timber market in Scotland.

2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.

Scotland is home to about 70% of the UK's total forestry assets as well as over thirty large-scale timber processing sites that are critical for the production of wood products. There exists an interdependence between the forestry sector, the wood processing industry, and downstream commercial users which means each faces similar challenges related to the security of timber supply and demand. Security of wood and the health of the market are therefore key for these industries to meet their objectives.

Despite our strong forestry and timber processing industries in the UK, there is an 80% demand for imports to supply the sector. Actively supporting these industries to maintain and grow therefore means securing domestic wood supply.

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.

This CPG seeks to replace and extend the remit of the former CPG on the Wood Panel industry. This partnership between WPIF and Confor will provide a unified voice from the industries to more effectively convey a shared vision.

4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

In the forthcoming 12 months, the Cross-Party Group on Forestry and Wood Processing Industries will aim to:

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- Scrutinise the Scottish Government's progress toward its woodland planting targets of meeting 18,000ha of new planting per year by 2029/30 and 21% of woodland coverage as a proportion of total land area by 2032.

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- Promote full use of the fibre basket in wood processing and manufacturing, including virgin timber as well as recycled and reclaimed materials.
- Provide recommendations on the future of the forestry planning and approval process, which has been challenging for the sector to navigate efficiently.
- Assess and advise on the need for timber and wood panel products in the overall Scottish Economy. Highlighting the opportunities and challenges to sustainable growth of the forestry, timber and wood processing industries, with a view to securing the future of the sector.

MSP Members of the Group

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group. In doing so please note:

- Section 6 of the Code of Conduct requires there be 5 members from the parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The SPPA Committee agreed a waiver for this session that requires 5 MSP members from 5 parties represented on the Bureau;
- MSPs can be on no more than 10 CPGs of which fulfil no more than 3 office-bearer positions;
- If the group fails to comply with MSP membership requirements, the Convener must ensure this is resolved within 90 days.

MSP	Party
Gary Bouse MSP	Scottish National Party
Emma Roddick MSP	Scottish National Party
Steven Bonnar MSP	Scottish National Party
Carol Mochan MSP	Scottish Labour Party
Donald MacKinnon MSP	Scottish Labour Party
Finlay Carson MSP	Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party
Stephen Kerr MSP	Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party
Craig Hoy MSP	Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party
Jamie Langan MSP	Reform UK
Iris Duane MSP	Scottish Green Party
Andrew Baxter MSP	Scottish Liberal Democrats

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David Green MSP Morven-May McCallum MSP	Scottish Liberal Democrats 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	
Organisations	Wood Panel Industries Federation (WPIF) Confederation of Forest Industries (Confor) Invicta Public Affairs
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. Please note: • No more than 3 named contacts per CPG - the Convener, the Secretary and one other individual who can provide information to the Standards Clerks about the activities of the Group. The Convener of a Group must confirm the name of this individual.	
Convener	Finlay Carson MSP

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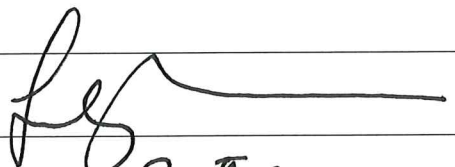
Deputy Conveners	Gary Bouse MSP Carol Mochan MSP Jamie Lanagan MSP Andrew Baxter MSP
Secretary	Invicta Public Affairs
Named Contact	Calum Heron (Invicta Public Affairs)
Financial Benefits or Other Benefits Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.	
The Group will receive secretariat support from Invicta Public Affairs via contributions from WPIF. Further support may also be made available from Confor. It is anticipated that the cumulative value of this support will exceed the £500 threshold for the coming calendar year. A budget of between £10,000 and £20,000 for in-kind secretariat support has been made available.	
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	
Statement on Compliance with the Code of Conduct. Must be read and signed by the Convener.	
Please read the following: • The Convener of a Group is primarily responsible for ensuring that the Group complies with the Code of Conduct;	

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- The Convener is solely responsible for providing Standards Clerks with:
  - The names of new MSP members of the CPG and changes to office-bearers;
  - Named contact details;
  - The registration form;
  - All minutes of meetings within 30 days of the meeting being held; **(Substantially verbatim minutes will not be accepted and will be returned)**
  - The AGM return (to be submitted within 30 days of the AGM to be held within 11 – 13 months of the initial meeting).
- Groups are required to have five MSPs from five of the parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau;
- CPGs must hold at least two formal meetings per year (not on the same day), where two MSPs members of the Group are present;
- CPGs must provide Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings;
- If a CPG meeting is cancelled or rearranged, notification must be provided to the Standards clerks by no later than the day after the meeting was originally scheduled to take place;
- If a Group fails to comply fully with the Code for more than one year in a row, the Committee will withdraw recognition from that Group.

I declare that I have read the above and that the Cross-Party Group on Forestry and Wood Processing Industries is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed (Convener)	
Date	29th Sept 2026

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