

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 on <Housing>
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics 1. Please state the purpose of the Group. The purpose of the Cross Party Group on Housing is to provide a forum for Members of the Scottish Parliament, stakeholders, housing providers, tenants, local authorities, academics, charities and other interested organisations to discuss housing policy and practice in Scotland. The Group will seek to promote informed debate on how Scotland can increase the supply, quality, affordability and accessibility of housing; support action to reduce homelessness and housing insecurity; and consider how housing policy can contribute to stronger communities, improved health and wellbeing, and sustainable economic growth. 2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest. The purpose of the Group is in the public interest because housing is a fundamental issue affecting people across Scotland, including access to safe, secure, affordable and suitable homes. Housing pressures have significant consequences for individuals, families and communities, including impacts on health, education, employment, poverty, homelessness and local economic wellbeing. A dedicated Cross Party Group – as has existed previously - would provide a transparent and constructive forum for MSPs and stakeholders to consider evidence, hear directly from those affected, identify barriers to progress and discuss practical solutions. By supporting informed debate and collaboration across parties and sectors, the Group would help improve understanding of housing challenges and contribute to

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the development of better policy outcomes for the people of Scotland.

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.

I am not aware of any overlaps

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

We will await the work programme of the Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee to try to avoid any duplication but we would anticipate working on the housing emergency and housing standards in the first 12 months.

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
Graham Simpson	Reform UK

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Gary Bouse	SNP
Iris Duane	Green
Mark Griffin	Labour
Tim Eagle	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Lloyd Melville	SNP
David Linden	SNP
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 Barrett Archie Rintoul Mirin Benzie Ana Deevy Marie Hall Craig Sanderson Steven Tolson Louise Devlin	
Organisations UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE) - secretary Age Scotland AICO/HomeLink Association for Consultancy and Engineering (ACE)	

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Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO) Bancon Homes Blackwood Housing Association Building Engineering Services Association Capability Scotland Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Scotland Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) Citizens Advice Scotland Clachan Co-housing Corra Foundation Crisis Cyrenians Scotland E&A Partnerships Ltd. Electrical safety Council Energy Action Scotland Edinburgh Solicitors Property Centre (ESPC) Edinburgh Student Housing Co-operative Federation of Master Builders Four Square Homeless Charity Edinburgh Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living (GCIL) Glasgow and West Scotland Forum of Housing Associations (GWSF) Glasgow City Council HSCP Grampian Housing Association Home Group Home in Scotland Homeless Action Scotland Homeless Network Scotland Homes for Good (Scotland) CIC Homes for Scotland Horizon Housing Association Housing by People Housing Options Scotland Institute of Structural Engineers Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF)	
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LGBT Youth Scotland Lochalsh & Skye Housing Association (LSHA) Living Rent MCS Charitable Foundation MND Scotland Miller Homes National Landlords Association (NLA) National Trust for Scotland North Star Consulting & Research Open University Pagoda Porter Novelli/McCarthy & Stone PAS Pentland Communications Persimmon Homes Places for People Scotland Positive Prisons PropertyMark Public Health Scotland Registers of Scotland Rettie & Co. RIAS Right There Rock Trust Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors SafeDeposit Scotland Salvation Army Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association Scotland's Housing Network (SHN) Scottish Association of Landlords (SAL) Scottish Churches Housing Action Scottish Cities Alliance Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA) Scottish Islands Federation Scottish Land Commission SHARE Ltd. Shared Lives Plus Shelter Scotland Slurp Smith Scott Mullan Associates	
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Sovereign Property Partners Taylor Wimpey The Electric Heating Company The Vivarium Trust The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) Tenants Information Service (TIS) Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) Turning Point Scotland Under One Roof University of Aberdeen University of Edinburgh University of Strathclyde Young Artwork BE-ST Say Women Glasgow City 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. Please note: No more than 3 named contacts per CPG - the Convener, the Secretary and <u>one other individual</u> 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	Graham Simpson MSP
Deputy Convener	Gary Bouse MSP
Secretary	Moir Bayne
Named Contact	FiyinfoLuwa.Dada@parliament.scot

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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.

None

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.

None

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;
- 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;

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- 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 Housing is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed (Convener)	<i>Graham Simpson</i>
Date	18.8.26

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