Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Social Enterprise

Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics

- 1. Purpose:
- 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.
 - To give Scottish social entrepreneurs a strong, united voice and help them influence policy-making
 - To pro-actively raise awareness and understanding of social enterprise among MSPs and the public
 - To help drive forward the growth and success of the social enterprise economy in every community
 - To increase the role of social enterprises in designing and delivering public services
 - To open up private sector business opportunities to social enterprises
 - To tell the inspiring stories about the human and environmental impact of social enterprises

Social enterprises are a key component of Scotland's economy, providing many jobs and driving regeneration. They seek to solve a huge range of social issues that are at the top of the public policy agenda e.g. homelessness, social care and employability for excluded groups. They are a leading solution in the effort towards building a well-being economy, financial inclusion and community wealth. There is still much work to do to raise the profile of what social enterprises do in every community in Scotland, transforming lives, particularly for the most excluded. Green social enterprises are helping tackle the climate emergency, providing recycling services, community transport, nature education and much more. The previous Social Enterprise CPG was highly successful with a large number of attendees.

There is no direct duplication regarding the CPG on Social Enterprise and other CPGs. However, we are already exploring the possibility of joint meetings with other CPGs who have similar aims, objectives and values and who also seek to build an inclusive economy. We are fully aware of limited MSP capacity in terms of attending the many CPGs and this is about pro-actively seeking to find solutions.

The topics will be decided by CPG group members after discussion. However, our first topic of discussion will be around social enterprise delivery of public services. Other topics to consider for the group include e.g. climate change, equalities, private sector supply chains, community wealth building and ethical consumerism.

MSP Members of the Group

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

Paul McLennan (Scottish National Party)

Rachael Hamilton (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Rhoda Grant (Scottish Labour Party)

Michelle Thomson (Scottish National Party)

Ariane Burgess (Scottish Green 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	N/A
Organisations	Social Enterprise Academy
	Firstport

Impact Hub Inverness (serving the Highlands and Islands)
Social Investment Scotland
Link Group Ltd
Hey Girls
Locavore
Edinburgh Remakery
The Larder
Homes for Good
Invisible Cities
Talking Mats

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	Paul McLennan MSP (Scottish National Party)
Deputy Convener	Rachael Hamilton MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Secretary	Duncan Thorp, Social Enterprise Scotland
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.

Secretariat support and catering costs, will be paid for by Social Enterprise Scotland. We estimate that total annual catering (when physical events resume) will be around $\pounds700$ and the total annual cost of Social Enterprise Scotland staff time will be around $\pounds1680$ (estimate of 6 days a year based on calculated day rate). Total cost around $\pounds2380$.

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.

No subscription at the current time.

Convener Contact Details

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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Social Enterprise is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	Paul McLennan
Date	28 October 2021