

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Sustainable Upland Management
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics
<ol style="list-style-type: none">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.
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The purpose of the Group is to inform MSPs and bring people together to encourage evidence-based debate, co-operation and collaboration for positive solutions development on matters relating to sustainable upland management.2. The Group will seek to explore the role of sustainable upland management in meeting the emergencies of climate change and biodiversity as well as its contribution to a vibrant rural economy. All of these reasons are very much in the public interest.3. While we are aware of other CPGs (Rural Policy, Crofting, Animal Welfare and others) we believe there is a need for a specific CPG to be established that examines sustainable upland management due to its importance to rural communities and the rural economy as well as its vital role in tackling climate change and biodiversity loss.4. The co-conveners are due to meet in early January 2022 to finalise proposed meeting topics with the intent to hold meetings every three months. Key themes were raised during the first meeting on October

28 2021 and potential topics include biodiversity/the nature crisis, grouse moor management, deer management and the just transition.

The next meeting is likely to be virtual but the Group do hope that some future meetings may take place at the Scottish Parliament if conditions allow.

MSP Members of the Group

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

Paul McLennan (Scottish National Party),
Alexander Burnett (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party),
Edward Mountain (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party),
Finlay Carson (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party),
Jenni Minto (Scottish National Party),
Brian Whittle (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party),
Mercedes Villalba (Scottish Labour),
Jim Fairlie (Scottish National 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	Scottish Land & Estates (SLE) Heather Trust British Trust for Ornithology Cairngorms National Park Authority Scotland's Moorland Forum Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

	Scottish Gamekeepers Association Woodland Trust John Muir Trust Scottish Crofting Federation Scottish Wildlife Trust Community Land Scotland NatureScot Southern Uplands Partnership Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere Scottish Countryside Alliance Centre for Mountain Studies National Sheep Association Scottish Raptor Study Group
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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 and Alexander Burnett MSP
Deputy Convener	Edward Mountain MSP
Secretary	SLE
Treasurer	SLE

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.

Based on four meetings a year:

Estimated staff costs for secretariat-related tasks is £682.5 (four days).

Potential refreshment costs on return of face-to-face meetings at the Scottish Parliament is £60.

Total estimated financial contribution is £742.5

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

Convener Contact Details

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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Sustainable Upland Management 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

21/12/2021