

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on

Date Group Established (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

Monday 20th September 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday 9th October 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

Wednesday 15th October 2025

Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

Tuesday 10th September 2024

Group Meetings and Activities

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

Tuesday 10th September 2024
Attendance: 2 MSP, 28 Non-MSPs

Topic Discussed: Creating Inclusive and Accessible Towns and Places – Why?

Invited Speakers: Irene Beautyman, The Improvement Service and Public Health Scotland; Chiquita Elvin, Sustrans Scotland; Kimberley Guthrie, Scotland's Towns Partnership

Wednesday 4th December 2024

Attendance: 1 MSP, 41 Non-MSPs

Topic Discussed: Planning Today for Sustainable Towns Tomorrow

Invited Speakers: David Cowan, Scottish Government; Kimberley Guthrie, Scotland's Towns Partnership; Henry McKeown, jmarchitects; Victoria Nelson, South Lanarkshire Council; Iain Ross, South Lanarkshire Council

Tuesday 4th March 2025

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 37 Non-MSPs

Topic Discussed: Financing and Investing in Our Towns—Deliverables and Constraints

Invited Speakers: Kimberley Guthrie, Scotland's Towns Partnership; Colin Souter, Robertson Property; Gary Templeton, Moray Council; Anna Tozer, Scottish Futures Trust

Wednesday 11th June 2025

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 25 Non-MSPs

Topic Discussed: Liveable Neighbourhoods

Invited Speakers: Pamela Clifford, East Ayrshire Council; Ross Grant, Aberdeen Inspired; Kimberley Guthrie, Scotland's Towns Partnership

MSP Members of The Group

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

Claire Baker MSP (Labour)

Neil Bibby MSP (Labour)

Stephanie Callaghan MSP (SNP)

Katy Clark MSP (Labour)

Willie Coffey MSP (SNP)

Sharon Dowe MSP (Conservative)

Meghan Gallacher MSP (Conservative)
Douglas Lumsden MSP (Conservative)
Paul McLennan (SNP)
Marie McNair MSP (SNP)
Alex Rowley MSP (Labour)
Evelyn Tweed MSP (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	
Organisations	Scotland's Towns Partnership - secretary Architecture + Design Scotland ABB Scotland Aberdeenshire Council Alliance Boots Alloa Town Centre BID Angus Council Argyll and Bute Council Association of Town and City Management Barrhead BID Big Lottery Fund Boston Networks BT Built Environment Forum Scotland Business in the Community Scotland Can Do Places Carnegie UK Trust Charity Retail Association

City of Edinburgh Council CityFibre CGI Colliers International Cupar and North Fife Tourism Association Cupar Development Trust Currie Brown Cycling Scotland Cycling UK Development Trusts Association Scotland Dods Dundee City Council East Ayrshire Council East Dunbartonshire Council East Kilbride Shopping Centre East Lothian Council East Renfrewshire Council Economic Development Association Scotland Falkirk Council Falkirk Delivers Federation of Master Builders Fife Council Fort William Town Team FreshAyr FSB Scotland Future Hawick Fyne Futures Glasgow City Council Global Treasure App Grampian Housing Granton Improvement Society

	Halliday Fraser Munro Highland Council Highlands and Islands Enterprise Historic Environment Scotland Institute of Retail Studies, University of Stirling Interface Intu Properties Keep Scotland Beautiful Kingsgate Shopping Centre Ladbrokes Coral Lanark Community Council Langbank Community Council Living Streets Loop Connections Lloyds TSB Foundation Miconex Melrose Living Moffat and District Community Motherwell Town Centre Museums Galleries Scotland Natural Power Newmilns Regeneration Association North Lanarkshire Council Obesity Action Scotland One Dalkeith Pagoda Porter Novelli Paisley First BID Paths for All People Scotland Perth and Kinross Council PJ Leggate
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	Planning Aid Scotland Prestwick Community Council Real Retail Solutions Renfrewshire Council Retailers Against Crime RICS Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland RTPI Scottish Canals Scottish Licensed Trade Association Scotland's Rural College Scottish Borders Council Scottish Business Resilience Centre Scottish Chambers of Commerce Scottish Empty Homes Partnership Scottish Futures Trust Scottish Grocers Federation Scottish Power Energy Networks Scottish Retail Consortium Scottish Small Towns Group South Ayrshire Council South Lanarkshire Council Stirling BID Stirling Council Stranraer Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme SURF Sustrans Scotland TACTRAN The Democratic Society Scotland The Retailer Group Transform Scotland
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	USDAW Vale of Leven Trust VisitScotland Voluntary Action Fund Weber Shandwick West Lothian Council William Hill WSP
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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	Meghan Gallacher MSP
Deputy Convener	Paul McLennan MSP
Secretary	Alison Luke-Jones (Scotland's Towns Partnership)
Treasurer	Elaine Bone (Scotland's Towns Partnership)

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.

Scotland's Towns Partnership Total value of support - £2,000

Breakdown: Secretary duties (Scotland's Towns executives) to the value of £2,000 for 10 days work for the managing all communications

with office bearers, members, speakers, supporters; planning agendas and related arrangements; attendance and Minute taking and digital communications for three-four CPG meetings/activities, AGM and an Office Bearers meeting; and fulfilling Code of Conduct and Best Practice requirements.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
(Please tick all boxes that apply)

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on Wednesday 15th October 2025, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	X
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	X
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	X
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	X
Provided minutes of all meetings	X

Signed	Meghan Gallacher MSP
Date	Wednesday 15 th October 2025