CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Tobacco and Health

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.)

23 February 2000

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

26 November 2015

DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]

5 February 2015 (postponed from 6 November 2014)

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

9 December 2015

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.

5 February 2015 – Formal Meeting – Postponed AGM (Original AGM date 6 November 2014, held but not quorate)

In Attendance: 3 MSPs; 19 non MSPs

Business: It was noted Hanzala Malik MSP had resigned from the group as at 27 November 2014. The minute of the meeting of 6th November 2014 was approved. **AGM Business**: The meeting approved the appointment of the office bearers and secretariat, as confirmed by electronic voting 4th December 2014.

Convener: Willie Rennie MSP

Deputy Convener: Kenneth Gibson MSP Deputy Convener: Richard Simpson MSP

Secretariat - ASH Scotland

The meeting approved the draft annual return, to be submitted to the Standards Committee of The Scottish Parliament.

Discussion: A general discussion took place around the agreed focus for the Group during 2015, namely Tobacco and Inequalities. It had been agreed that the first meeting should focus on inequalities in the area of mental health. John Watson of ASH Scotland gave a presentation on 'What we know about Smoking and Mental Health' and a discussion took place. It was agreed to look at influencing the next mental health strategy, to ensure adequate emphasis on smoking and to look into the resources currently being put into smoking cessation for mental health patients in each health board

11th June 2015, Formal Meeting

In Attendance: 2 MSPs; 12 non MSPs; 6 invited guests

Business: The minute of the meeting of 5th February 2015 was approved.

Discussion: Niamh Shortt, from the University of Edinburgh, gave a presentation on the relationship between tobacco and alcohol outlet density, deprivation and health. Discussion took place on the role of managing the supply side in addressing the harm caused by tobacco.

8th October 2015, Informal Meeting (not quorate)

In Attendance: 1 MSP; 15 non MSPs; 2 invited guests

Business: The resignation of Hamid Gazem, South Ayshire Council Trading Standards Service, was noted. There was one new organisational member, the Social and Public Health Sciences Unit of the University of Glasgow.

Discussion: David Tappin, from the University of Glasgow and Andrew Radley from NHS Tayside gave a presentation on reducing smoking among women by using incentives during pregnancy. Discussion took place.

26th November 2015 – AGM – Formal Meeting

In Attendance: 2 MSPs; 16 non MSPs; 4 invited guests

Business:The minutes of 8th October 2015 were agreed as correct. This was the Annual General Meeting of the Group. Office bearer elections took place, for the period from the AGM to the end of the Parliamentary term. The following were appointed:

Convener: Willie Rennie MSP

Deputy Convener: Richard Simpson MSP Deputy Convener: Richard Simpson MSP

Secretariat: ASH Scotland

Willie Rennie MSP confirmed this was the last meeting of the Group in this Parliamentary session. Consideration was being given as to whether the Group should continue and in what form. Members were asked to submit any views on this to himself or ASH Scotland.

Discussion: The discussion theme for this meeting was 'Engaging with seldom

heard (hard to reach) individuals'. David Radford and Cathy Williamson from East Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership gave a presentation on 'East Dunbartonshire credit union and smoking cessation pilot – a quit and save incentive to engage smokers in quitting'; Alison King and Brenda Friel from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde gave a presentation on 'Engaging with smokers through a Drug and Alcohol Service in Inverclyde'. Discussion took place Sheila Duffy advised a report would be produced on this year's theme, which was Tobacco and Inequalities, and would be circulated to members.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Willie Rennie MSP, Convener - Scottish Liberal Democrats

Kenneth Gibson MSP, Deputy Convener – Scottish National Party

Richard Simpson MSP, Deputy Convener - Scottish Labour

Margaret McDougall MSP – Scottish Labour

Ruth Davidson MSP - Scottish Conservative & Unionist 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.

Dr Alan Rodger Geoff Earl
ASH Scotland (Secretariat)
Asthma UK Scotland
Breathe Easy Clackmannanshire
British Heart Foundation Scotland
British Lung Foundation Scotland and Northern Ireland
British Medical Association
Cancer Research UK
Children in Scotland
Community Pharmacy Scotland
Glasgow City CHP

Macmillan Cancer Support
MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow
NHS Health Scotland
Pfizer UK Ltd
Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland
Royal Environmental Health Institute Scotland
Royal Pharmaceutical Society
The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation
The Stroke Association
The University of Stirling Institute of Social Marketing

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	Willie Rennie MSP
Deputy Convener	Kenneth Gibson MSP Richard Simpson MSP
Secretary	Sheila Duffy, ASH Scotland
Treasurer	N/A

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is

employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.		
Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.		
If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).		
TOTAL PROVIDED BY ASH SCOTLAND: £1,778		
Which includes:		
Secretariat provided free of charge by ASH Scotland – estimated at £1,300		
and Lunches at 3 meetings, paid for by ASH Scotland, Total: 11 th June 2015 - £186.30 8 th October 2015 - £129.60 26 th November 2015 – £162.00		
(Note: lunch cost of meeting 5 February 2015 included in previous annual return)		
SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP		
Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.		
N/A		
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