



**Agenda for meeting of Cross Party Group on Beer and Pubs in the Fairfax Somerville
Room of the Scottish Parliament at 6pm-8pm on Tuesday 27th June 2017**

The meeting will be chaired by Patrick Harvie MSP - Chair

1. Welcomes and apologies for absence
2. Follow up from the Reception
3. Ongoing policy issues and how the CPG can support them
4. Upcoming meetings and events. Set the date for the next meeting.
5. AOB

1. Welcomes and Apologies

Apologies in Advance: Colin Smyth MSP

2. Follow up from Reception

- We hosted our first reception on Tuesday 23rd May joint with CAMRA and had a good attendance from industry and MSP colleagues. We hope this will become an annual event in the Parliamentary calendar.
- There was wide interest for the group with 4 new members joining.

To discuss:

- Lessons learned and suggestions for future receptions

3. Ongoing Policy issues

a. Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee:

The Scottish Government has recently established a 'Post-Legislative Scrutiny Committee' which will consider previous Acts of the Scottish Parliament to determine whether they have achieved their intended purpose.

Ahead of 28th July 2017 the Committee are calling for suggestions of pieces of legislation which have recently been introduced which should be scrutinised and looked into. 260 Bills have been enacted since the establishment of the Scottish Parliament in 1999 and the Government will only consider a few Acts to review.

CAMRA to provide an overview of pieces of legislation affecting the beer and pubs industry.

Opportunities for the group:

- Issue a press release or write to organisations in the industry and encourage them to respond to the Committee request.
- Form a view on any specific policy areas where the CPG think legislation could be improved

b.Pub Company Reform (Neil Bibby MSP to provide short update)

- The consultation into the tied pubs sector was pushed back due to the General Election. The deadline for responses is now Monday 31st July.
- Responses are coming in from industry and licensees.
- Paul Waterson, Chief Executive of SLTA, will also give a short overview of the tied pubs sector in Scotland

Opportunities for the group:

- Issue a press release calling on responses without forming a specific policy view. We welcome responses from either side of the policy debate.

4.Upcoming meetings and events. Set the date for the next meeting.

a)Edinburgh Beer Festival

- Members of the Cross Party Group are invited to attend Edinburgh Beer Festival on Thursday 6th July to take part in the judging process for the 'Champion Beer of Scotland'.
- The judging will take place at the Scottish Real Ale Festival (SRAF) in Edinburgh's Corn Exchange on Thursday 6th July 2017. The Champion Beer of Scotland competition will be at 12 noon and 3 heats of the Champion Beer of Britain will take place at 3pm. Both competitions involve tasting about 6 beers and judging them using a set CAMRA criteria.

If you want to be on the judging panel please email faye.grima@camra.org.uk

b) Stewart Brewing Brewery Tour

- Stewart Brewing have kindly said they will host the Cross Party Group for a meeting to include a Brewery Tour at their Brewery in Edinburgh. **Date need to be confirmed. Decide at the meeting.**

c) Upcoming meetings and events

- Set dates of future meetings.

Ideas for discussion

- Gallery in Holyrood – such as a meet and greet with brewers from your constituencies
- Question Time style event on beer and pubs
- Competitions: Best new brewery of 2017 competition / Pub Champion of the year

5. Any other business (AOB)