

Agenda for a Meeting of the Cross Party Group on Food to be held at 6pm on Tuesday January 28th 2020 in Committee Room 4 of the Scottish Parliament

The meeting will be chaired by Mark Ruskell MSP

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting (September 18th 2019)
3. Matters Arising
4. **Connecting Climate Change, Natural Capital and Health**

The Climate Change (Emissions Reduction) (Scotland) Bill received Royal Assent on 31.10.19. This is against a landscape of current strategies and action plans including; Biodiversity, Forestry, Land Use, Obesity, Food Waste, Tackling Inequalities, Industries' Ambition 2030 and also the proposed Good Food Nation legislation.

The need for a holistic approach leading to a more sustainable farming and food system that provides climate friendly and healthy food for all, without detriment to nature will be discussed at this meeting.

Speakers are;

- **Prof Lorna Dawson** –Head of Soil Forensics -James Hutton Institute, SEFARI Gateway Knowledge Exchange Lead for Environment, RSA Food, Farming and Countryside Commission Scotland Inquiry lead
- **Aoife Behan**- Director, Soil Association Scotland

It would be useful if, before the meeting you could let the speakers have thoughts on the following:

- How best can we join up climate change, health and natural capital?
- How do we move to and maintain a healthy sustainable diet?
- How do we make food production and consumption more environmentally sustainable and help prevent climate change?
- What are barriers to all of above?

I would be grateful for thoughts by January 21st 2020

The presentations will be followed by an open debate.

5. GDPR Compliance
6. AOB
7. Dates of the Next Meetings
1st April in Committee Room 5 and 10 June in Committee Room 4