

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Rail
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.)
25 th October 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
29 th November 2018
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
24 th December 2018
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
31 st October 2017
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.
31st October 2017: Attendance – 4 MSPs, 24 Members This meeting served as the AGM for the CPG and heard from Humza Yousaf, The Transport Minister, who gave a presentation on the rail sector in Scotland. This included the potential for new rail lines and touched on the Scottish Governments public sector rail bid. This was followed by a Q and A.

7th March 2018:

Attendance – 2 MSPs, 14 Members

This meeting heard from Jim Harkins of Light Rail UK about the Utility of Trams on Mixed Rail Lines and touched on the environmental benefits of moving away from motor vehicles towards trams and other public transport. This was followed by a Q and A.

2nd May 2018:

Attendance – 5 MSPs, 17 Members

This meeting heard from Alex Hynes, Managing Director of ScotRail, who gave a presentation about the ongoing work being carried out by ScotRail. This included information about the new rolling stock and infrastructure projects, which are planned. This was followed by a Q and A.

26th September 2018:

Attendance – 4 MSPs, 15 Members

This meeting heard from the Ariane Ally of the Network Rail Suicide Prevention Team about their work on tackling suicide on the railway network and the innovative ways they go about minimising this. The meeting also heard from the Iain Stanworth of the Strathspey Railway Association about the recent work of the association and what plans they have for further development. Both talks were followed by Q and A's

28th November:

Attendance – 4 MSPs, 2 Members

This meeting was only for the AGM to ensure the group remained compliant with the code of conduct. John Mason MSP and Pauline McNeill MSP were duly re-elected as Co-Conveners and were joined by John Finnie MSP and Liam Kerr MSP who were both elected as Vice Conveners. ScotRail Alliance were also re-elected as the group Secretariat.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

John Mason (SNP),
John Finnie (Green),
David Stewart (Labour),
Neil Bibby (Labour),
Jackie Baillie (Labour),
Pauline McNeill (Labour),
Oliver Mundell (Conservative),
Joan McAlpine (SNP),
Lewis MacDonald (Labour),
Mark Ruskell (Green),
Alexander Stewart (Conservative),
Liam Kerr MSP (Conservative)

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	Stephen Young Jim Harkins Janice Connelly Allan Maclean Richard Arden Daniel Giblin
Organisations	Railfuture Scotland West Coast Rail 250 SWestrans Transport Focus Light Rail UK Capital Rail Action Group Pagoda Aslef Pollokshields Community Council Transform Scotland Tacturn RailQwest Campaign for Borders Rail West Coast Rail 250 Tram-Forward StARLink Campaign Newburgh Train Station Group LRTA Tram-Forward group ScotRail Alliance Levenmouth Rail Campaign Rail Action Group, East of Scotland The Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership (HITRANS) NESTRANS

	The Friends of the Far North Line St Andrews Rail Link Campaign Grayling Network Rail Montrose Port Authority Rix Shipping Scotland Allan Rail
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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.

Co-Convener	John Mason MSP
Co-Convener	Pauline McNeill MSP
Vice Convener	Liam Kerr MSP
Vice Convener	John Finnie MSP
Secretary	Scotrail Alliance
Treasurer	NA

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).

Over the following year ScotRail alliance have agreed to provide secretarial support and light catering. Cost of support is estimated to be below the limit.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

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