

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Towns and Town Centres
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
<b>21 September 2016</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>26 September 2018</b>
<b>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]</b>
<b>13 September 2017</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>29 October 2018</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>
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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>13/09/17 – ‘Inclusive Towns’</u>: featured innovative project approaches and case studies from Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum, Scottish Empty Homes Partnership and Barrhead Foundry, illustrating the importance and impact of partnership and inclusion in our towns. (3 MSPs 69 Non MSPs)</li></ul>

- 6/12/17 - Towns – More than a Retail Economy: Discussed the Town Centre Action Plans and ways in which towns are centred on other uses – public services, housing, culture and creativity. Featuring, Abellio ScotRail, ABB Scotland and The Melting Pot.
- 14/3/18 - ‘Young People and Towns’: As part of the Year of Young People 2018, the meeting featured ways in which young people are engaging with towns and town centres. Featuring, ATCM, Children’s Parliament, Global Treasure Apps, Young Enterprise Scotland and PAS.
- 13/6/18 - ‘The Future – Living, Low Carbon, Digital’: The meeting gave an overview of the future of towns, incorporating Scotland’s Towns current projects. Featuring, Architecture + Design Scotland, Scottish Power Energy Networks, Kirkcaldy4All BID and Destination 66.
- 26/9/18 – ‘Towns – The Evening Economy’: Gave an overview of perspectives on addressing challenges and benefits of the evening economy. Featuring, Aberdeen Inspired BID, Scottish Business Resilience Centre, Scottish Grocers Federation.

The Group also hosted the Annual Small Towns Parliamentary Reception, on 5/10/17, welcoming the Minister for Local Government and Housing, Kevin Stewart MSP.

Also noteworthy is the STP’s MSP Connector Programme which ran throughout summer 2018 recess and saw a great number of MSPs visit community and business interests across Scotland’s towns.

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

George Adam (SNP)  
 Jackie Baillie (Lab)  
 Neil Bibby (Lab)  
 Jenny Gilruth (SNP)  
 Rachael Hamilton (Con)  
 Daniel Johnson (Lab)  
 Alison Johnstone (Green)  
 Gordon Lindhurst (Con)  
 Angus MacDonald (SNP)  
 Gillian Martin (SNP)  
 Willie Rennie (LibDem)

John Scott (Con)  
Graham Simpson (Con)  
Andy Wightman (Green)

## **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

Matt Aitken  
Simon Baldwin  
Valentina Bold  
Raymond Boyle  
Maggie Broadley  
Tom Campbell  
Louise Casenave  
Vivien Collie  
John Corbett  
Gillian Cowell  
Scott Davidson  
Peter de Vink  
Andrew Dixon  
Ian Fowell  
Malcolm Fraser  
Ros Halley  
Derek Harper  
Jianfeng Huang  
Steve Hunt  
Colin Kelly  
Peter Liddell  
Roseanne MacKay  
Ross Martin  
Eva Milroy  
Sean McLaughlan  
Brian McLeish

	<p>Rurighd McMeddes  Dianne Miller  Willie Miller  Ben Murray  Dennis Rodwell  Angus Ross  David Russell  Bill Sadler  Tom Sneddon  Phil Sykes  James Trolland  Sunil Varu  Michael Vickers  Derek Wilson  Nick Wright</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>802 Works  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</p>

City of Edinburgh Council  
CityFibre  
CGI  
Colliers International  
Crieff BID  
Cupar and North Fife Tourism Association  
Cupar Development Trust  
Currie Brown  
Cycling Scotland  
Development Trusts Association Scotland  
Dods  
Dundee City Council  
Dunfermline Delivers  
East Ayrshire Council  
East Dunbartonshire Council  
East Kilbride Shopping Centre  
East Lothian Council  
East Renfrewshire Council  
Economic Development Association Scotland  
Energy Edge  
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
	Kirkcaldy4All
	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
	One Dalkeith
	Pagoda Porter Novelli
	Paisley First BID
	Paths for All
	People Scotland
	Perth and Kinross Council
	PJ Leggate
	Planning Aid Scotland
	Prestwick Community Council
	Real Retail Solutions
	Renfrewshire Council
	Retailers Against Crime
	RICS

RTPI  
Scotland's Rural College  
Scotland's Towns Partnership - secretary  
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  
USDAW  
Vale of Leven Trust  
VisitScotland  
Voluntary Action Fund  
Weber Shandwick  
West End BID  
West Lothian Council  
William Hill  
WSP

**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	John Scott (Con)
Deputy Convener	Neil Bibby (Lab) Gillian Martin (SNP)
Secretary	Elaine Bone, Scotland's Towns Partnership
Treasurer	Elaine Bone, Scotland's Towns Partnership

**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).

Scotland's Towns Partnership  
Total value of support - £1,900

Breakdown:

Secretary duties (Scotland's Towns executives) to the value of £1,900 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 four CPG meetings/activities, AGM and an Office Bearers meeting; and fulfilling Code of Conduct and Best Practice requirements.



**SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

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

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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