

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross Party Group on Food

**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.)

**7 September 2016**

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

**18 September 2019**

**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]**

**19 September 2018**

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

**23 September 2019**

### 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.

**16 January 2019**

Joint meeting with Cross Party Group on Food. Attendance 3 MSPs and 40 non-MSPs. Chaired by Rhoda Grant MSP and Sandra White MSP

## Older People and Food

The aim of this joint CPG was to create awareness of the needs of older people across the spectrum. This included;

- Manufacturing, retail and hospitality sectors
- Help in the community and at home
- Social role of food

There was an Introductory presentation to set the scene from Bill Gray, Organizational Lead, NHS Health Scotland. This was followed by an open debate where there was the opportunity for those with expertise and views on any aspect related to older people and food to raise issues. Next steps were then discussed. Attendees brought relevant materials to distribute or display in the meeting.

### **3 April 2019**

Attendance 2 MSPs, 41 non-MSPs. Chaired by Gail Ross MSP.

## Towards a Healthy, Sustainable, Humane, Food and Farming System

There were presentations from;

- Peter Stevenson, Chief Policy Advisor, Compassion in World Farming
- Martin Kennedy, Vice President, National Farmers Union Scotland

This was followed by an open debate.

### **5 June 2019**

Attendance 4 MSPs, 31 Non-MSPs. Chaired by Mark Ruskell MSP.

## Plastics and Packaging

There were 3 presentations;

- Why does the food and drink industry use plastics? – David Thomson, CEO, Food and Drink Federation Scotland
- What are the problems and what we are doing? Derek Robertson, CEO, Keep Scotland Beautiful
- Coca Cola Case Study – Jim Fox, Head of Public Affairs, Coca-Cola European Partners PLC

This was followed by an open debate.

### **18 September 2019**

Attendance 3 MSPs, 42 Non-MSPs. Chaired by Gail Ross MSP.

There was an election of officers and the following were elected:

**Co-Conveners**

John Scott Con  
Mark Ruskell Green  
Gail Ross SNP  
Rhoda Grant Labour

**Secretariat**

Mary Lawton FDF Scotland

**Brexit and the Price of Food**

There were presentations from

- Ian Wright CBE –Chief Executive Food and Drink Scotland
- George Burgess –Head of Trade Policy Food and Drink, Scottish Government

This was followed by an open debate.

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

John Scott Con  
Peter Chapman Con  
Gail Ross SNP  
Mark Ruskell Green  
Patrick Harvie Green  
Rhoda Grant Lab  
Claire Baker Lab  
Claudia Beamish Lab

**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

Alfred Slade  
Stuart Forbes  
Elina Scheers Andersson  
Martin Meteyard

	<p>Morag Jardine  Denise Walton  Lesley Stanley  Christopher Trotter  Colette Backwell  Colette Walker  John Whitehead  Ian Shankland  Maire Amelie Viatte  Fiona Bird  Peter Brown  Bosse Dahlgren  Chris Peace</p>
Organisations	<p>3 x 1 Public Relations  Aberdeen Uni  Abertay Uni  Action on Sugar  Advocate for Animals  Agrico  AHDB  Artilus  Asda  Bellenden  Caledonian Public Affairs  Coca Cola  Coeliac UK  Community Food and Health Scotland  Community Food Initiatives North East  COSLA  Dairy UK  Deans  Devro</p>

	East Lothian Council
	Eco Schools
	Edinburgh Community Food
	Edinburgh Food Social
	Edinburgh Scientific Services
	Fareshare
	Food and Drink Federation Scotland
	Food Standards Scotland
	Food Training Scotland
	Glasgow City Council
	Glasgow Caledonian Uni
	Greencity Wholefoods
	Halogen Communications
	Healthyliving award
	Innovate
	Institute of Food Science and Technology
	Interface Food and Drink
	Kafoodle
	Kantar
	Keep Scotland Beautiful
	Keep Scotland the Brand
	Lantra
	Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership
	Love Pure Cakes
	Lynbreck Croft
	Macsweens
	McDonalds
	Newcastle Uni
	NFUS
	NHS Health Scotland
	NHS Lothian
	Nourish
	Nutrition Research and Communication
	Obesity Action Scotland
	Pilton Community Health Project

	Pinnacle
	Pinsent Masons
	Quality Meat Scotland
	Queen Margaret University
	3 R Energy
	REHIS
	Robert Gordon University
	Royal Society of Arts
	RHASS
	Sainsburys
	SAOS
	School of Thai Kitchen Scotland
	Scotch Whisky Association
	Scotland Food and Drink
	Scottish Agricultural College
	Scottish Assn of Meat Wholesalers
	Scottish Bakers
	Scottish Crofting Federation
	Scottish Enterprise
	Scottish Federation of Meat Traders' Association
	Scottish Food Guide
	Scottish Food Quality Certification (SFQC)
	Scottish Government
	Scottish Land and Estates
	Scottish Natural Heritage
	Scottish Organic Milk
	Scottish Pig Producers
	Scottish Qualifications Association
	Scottish Retail Consortium
	Scottish Salmon Producers Org
	Seafish
	Seafood Scotland
	SEFARI-Scot Environ, Food and Agriculture Research Institutes
	SFQC
	Skills Development Scotland

	<p>Slow Food</p> <p>Social Farms and Gardens</p> <p>Soil Association Scotland</p> <p>Supernature</p> <p>Tartan Silk PR</p> <p>Taste Communications</p> <p>Tesco</p> <p>The Children’s Orchard</p> <p>Trellis Scotland</p> <p>UK Chinese Times</p> <p>University of Aberdeen</p> <p>University of Abertay</p> <p>Vivid Solutions</p> <p>Wordbird</p> <p>William Reed</p> <p>Zero Waste Scotland</p>
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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.

Convener	<p>John Scott,</p> <p>Gail Ross,</p> <p>Mark Ruskell,</p> <p>Rhoda Grant</p>
Deputy Convener	None
Secretary	Mary Lawton Food and Drink Federation Scotland
Treasurer	None

## 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).

The Secretary receives support from FDFS. This is £400/day and covers 20 days a year.

## SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

None

## CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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