

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Industrial Communities
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.)
14 th June 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
14 th June 2017
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]
20 th January 2016
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
14 th July 2017
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
<p>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.</p> <p>Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.</p>
Cross-Party Group Meetings
<p>The Cross-Party Group usually meets three times a year and generally follows a process of seeking pertinent and topical items for discussion and analysis.</p> <p>The meetings took place as follows;</p>

2nd November 2016

The following issues and actions were discussed and noted/approved;

- Brexit – detailed discussions took place especially in relation to the European Funding Streams such as the European Structural Funds, CAP Pillar 2 and the European Maritime Fisheries Fund Monies. It was agreed that the Convener would write to the Convener of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee seeking support in securing a commitment from the UK Government in relation to the funding levels for our communities. It was also agreed that a letter would be sent to the First Minister to ascertain how the Scottish Ministers and Senior Officials are progressing in their assessment of the impact of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's announcement of the 3rd October 2016.
- Industrial Strategy for a more prosperous, fairer Britain: this document produced by the Industrial Communities Alliance was discussed in detail. It was agreed that a Motion should be drafted and that a Member's Debate be sought. *This subsequently took place on the 22nd February 2017.* The document would also now be circulated to all MSP's and to Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary.
- Future Items – it was agreed that a survey of MSP members would take place to ensure that a wide range of pertinent topics would be considered by the Group.

The meeting was attended by 5 MSPs and 10 non MSPs.

22nd February 2017

The following issues and actions were discussed and noted/approved;

- Industrial Strategy for a more prosperous and fairer Britain: discussion took place on the Motion which was debated earlier in the day in Holyrood attended by a healthy number of MSPs and Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary. It was agreed that the document would benefit from a "Scottish Dimension". Consequently, it was agreed that an Officer Group – Policy Advisory Group Scotland – be established to review the document and produce a paper which reflected the Scottish position and would formulate a series of "asks" for the Scottish and UK Governments.
- Brexit – Professor Steve Fothergill provided an update on the current position in relation to European Funds. It was noted that there have been positive movements in terms of funding from both the UK and Scottish Governments.
- It was also noted that the Industrial Strategy Document will be the subject of a UK wide event held in Westminster and chaired by Stephen Kinnock MP on the 15th March 2017. Additionally, the ICA Secretariat and Senior Members will be meeting on that day with a delegation from the SNP MP Westminster Group to review the document and agree how best to take its findings forward.

The meeting was attended by 4 MSPs and 10 non MSPs.

14th June 2017

The following issues and actions were discussed and noted/approved;

- Industrial Communities Alliance Scotland – The Industrial Strategy and a Scottish Dimension: The work carried out by the Policy Advisory Group Scotland was both noted and agreed in principle. The Convener would now send a copy to Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary and seek a meeting with him and representatives from the Cross-Party Group to take the pertinent issues forward.
- Post-Brexit Regional Policy, Proposals from the Industrial Communities Alliance: Professor Steve Fothergill led discussion on the document. He advised that an updated version would now be produced to reflect the Conservative Party commitment to a UK Shared Prosperity Fund. It was also noted that there would be a series of Seminars across the UK to promote discussion on the document and pertinent issues arising. It was highlighted that the first Seminar would take place on the 23rd of June 2017 at the Lighthouse in Glasgow. Both Colin Beattie MSP and Richard Leonard MSP would be making short presentations at the event.
- The AGM also took place. Colin Beattie MSP was elected Convener and Richard Leonard MSP was elected Vice-Convener.

The meeting was attended by 4 MSPs and 9 non MSPs.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Clare Adamson – Scottish National Party

Tom Arthur – Scottish National Party

Colin Beattie – Scottish National Party

Neil Bibby – Scottish Labour Party

Mark Griffin – Scottish Labour Party

Richard Leonard – Scottish Labour Party

Angus MacDonald – Scottish National Party

Fulton McGregor – Scottish National Party

Stuart McMillan – Scottish National Party

John Mason – Scottish National Party

Alex Rowley – Scottish Labour Party

Tavish Scott – Scottish Liberal Democrats

Andy Wightman – Scottish Green Party

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

Organisations

Industrial Communities Alliance
Argyll and Bute Council
Coalfield Communities Federation
Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation
Coalfields Regeneration Trust
Dumfries and Galloway Council
East Ayrshire Council
East Dunbartonshire Council
East Renfrewshire Council
Fife Council
Glasgow City Council
Inverclyde Council
Midlothian Council
National Union of Mineworkers
North Ayrshire Council
North Lanarkshire Council
Renfrewshire Council
Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations
Scottish Enterprise
Scottish Trades Union Congress
Skills Development Scotland
South Ayrshire Council
South Lanarkshire Council
West Dunbartonshire Council

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	Colin Beattie MSP
Deputy Convener	Richard Leonard MSP
Secretary	Roddy MacDonald, Scotland Director, Industrial Communities Alliance
Treasurer	N/A

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).

- **No financial benefits or material support has been received by the Cross-Party Group on Industrial Communities.**

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

N/A

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