

Scottish Parliament, Cross Party Group on Co-operatives

Wednesday 26 October 2016, Committee Room 6, 1pm.

CPG Meeting on Future Co-operation

1. Attendance

Convener: James Kelly MSP

MSP Members: John Scott MSP, Claudia Beamish MSP, Johan Lamont MSP

Secretary: James Proctor, Co-operatives UK

Apologies

MSP: Willie Coffey MSP and Clare Haughey MSP

2. Minutes of the previous meeting on 23 February 2016 were agreed.
3. News and Updates from Co-operative Sector
 - a. It was noted that the effects of Brexit were likely to have an impact on parts of the co-operative sector, in particular agriculture.

4. Discussion

There was a discussion about the main topics that should be covered in future CPG meetings and a review of previous events. It was broadly agreed that there should be a greater focus to meetings and that they should build on each other.

Previous meetings had been of interest and brought a diverse range of co-operative enterprises into contact with MSPs to raise awareness of their sector but there was a desire expressed for the meetings to have a practical element that could be taken forward by MSPs.

It was agreed that there should be a proposal put together for the Convener and Deputy Convener to come to agreement on and that this would then set the direction and programme for the CPG over the next two years or so.

The Secretary agreed to meet with the Conveners and put this proposal together for their approval.

5. AOCB – None

6. Date of Next Meeting

A meeting schedule for 2017 is to be agreed with the Conveners.

The Convenor thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.