

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Independent Convenience Stores

### PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

1. To inform MSPs of the issues and challenges facing independent convenience stores and to highlight the contribution local neighbourhood shops make to Scotland's communities – particularly helping to sustain rural and marginalised urban communities - and to Scotland's economy (there are more convenience stores per head of population than in the rest of the UK). The group will bring together the key stakeholders in the independent convenience store sector: retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers and trade associations. It will connect with wider stakeholders in the voluntary and charity sectors and invite guest speakers to participate.
2. The group will provide a unique forum for independent retailers in all of Scotland's communities including rural and island communities. It will have a particular focus on how independent convenience stores can connect with genuinely locally producers and suppliers.
3. There is no overlap with any existing cross party group. This is the only Cross Party Group to look exclusively at retail and the wider issues.
4. The agenda for the Group will be set and discussed with the members at the first official meeting. It is proposed that the Group would meet approximately 4 times per year. Potential agenda topics include:
  - Independent convenience stores, their contribution to the local economy and sustaining rural and marginalised urban communities.
  - The impact and prevalence of retail crime.

- Promoting community engagement among convenience store retailers.
- The cost pressures on independent retailers and how these are affected by policy.
- Creating an eco-friendly and environmentally sustainable convenience store industry.

To enable in-depth examination of these issues and to enable the cross party group to issue briefing papers and other reports for the benefit of MSPs, 3 sub-groups will be formed comprising members of the Group. These sub groups will be:

1. Convenience Stores and the Economy:
  - The impact of cost pressures on the sector
  - The interaction between reserved and devolved policy
  - The contribution to the local economy
2. Retail Crime:
  - The impact and prevalence of retail crime
  - Potential legislative solutions
  - Illicit Trade
  - Cyber-crime and its impact on retail
3. Convenience Stores and Communities:
  - Promoting community engagement
  - Rural and marginalised urban communities
  - Environmental sustainability
  - Healthy eating

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

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

Gordon Macdonald (SNP), John Mason (SNP), Gil Paterson (SNP), Daniel Johnson (Labour), Anas Sarwar (Labour), James Kelly (Labour) & Gordon Lindhurst (Conservative), Richard Lyle (SNP) Murdo Fraser (Conservative) & Rachael Hamilton (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	<p>Professor Leigh Sparks</p> <p>The Rev Neil Galbraith</p>
Organisations	<p>Scottish Grocers Federation</p> <p>Scotmid</p> <p>British Independent Retailers Association</p> <p>British Oil Security Syndicate</p> <p>British Security Industry Association</p> <p>Scottish Wholesale Association</p> <p>Scottish Licensed Trade Association</p> <p>Scottish Bakers</p> <p>Scottish Business Resilience Centre</p> <p>Scottish Anti Illicit Trade Group</p> <p>Scottish Retail and Wholesale Security Group</p> <p>Keep Scotland Beautiful</p> <p>Glasgow the Caring City</p> <p>East Edinburgh Community Alcohol Partnership</p> <p>Scottish Local Retailer</p> <p>Certas Energy</p> <p>Co-operative Food</p> <p>Clydebank Co-operative</p> <p>CJ Lang &amp; Son Ltd</p> <p>Booker Premier</p> <p>Martin McColl</p> <p>Costcutter Supermarkets</p> <p>Mace Stores</p> <p>Abdul Majid &amp; Son Ltd</p> <p>Broadway Premier Edinburgh</p> <p>JW Filshill</p> <p>Khalsa Retail LTD</p> <p>PGMA</p> <p>SGF Healthy Living Programme</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	Gordon MacDonald MSP
Deputy Convener	Anas Sarwar MSP
Secretary	Scottish Grocers Federation
Treasurer	n/a

### FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.

The Group will receive secretarial support from the Scottish Grocers' Federation. The approximate costing for this equates to 3 hours per meeting at a cost of £20 per hour. 4 meetings per year @ £60 per meeting plus £100 for sundry expenses will provide an in-kind benefit equating to £340.

### SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

Not applicable

### CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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<b>STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b>
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I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Independent Convenience Stores is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.
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