



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

MEETING DETAILS

11th meeting 2017, Session 5

Thursday 1 June 2017 at 10am in the
James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4).

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The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4).

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of its work programme should be taken in private at its next meeting.
2. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Govanhill, and take evidence from—

Anas Sarwar, Co-Convener of the proposed CPG on Govanhill.
3. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Govanhill.
4. **Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament (in private):** The Committee will review the format of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda item 2

Note by the clerk

SPPA/S5/17/11/1

Agenda item 4

PRIVATE PAPER

SPPA/S5/17/11/2 (P)

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Cross-Party Group Application

Introduction

1. In accordance with the provisions on Cross-Party Groups (CPGs) set out in section 6 of the Code of Conduct (the Code), proposals for the establishment of CPGs in the Scottish Parliament must be submitted to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee for its approval.
2. The provisions referred to in this note relate to Volume 2, Section 6, of the Code of Conduct.
3. There is one proposed Group for the Committee's consideration.

Proposed CPG on Govanhill

4. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached as an annexe to this note.

Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

5. Paragraph 6.3.10 of the Code states "...As part of its consideration, the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee will invite one of the proposed Group's MSP office bearers (usually the Convener) to attend a meeting to explain the justification for the proposed Group." Anas Sarwar MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

Purpose

6. Paragraph 6.3.11 of the Code states "the Committee will pay particular attention to a proposed Group's purpose. If the Committee considers that a Group is being proposed not in the public interest but, for example, to further particular commercial interests, the Group will not be accorded recognition. The Committee will also consider whether the purpose of a proposed Group overlaps the remit of an existing Group. The proposed Group has been asked to provide justification as to why its aim could not effectively be achieved within the existing Group".

7. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—
 - The purpose of the Group will be to bring together elected members from all political parties, local residents and agencies working in and around the Govanhill area of Glasgow to explore solutions to housing, crime and anti-social behaviour, inequality and poverty, social integration and cleansing and environmental issues.
 - It recognises that Govanhill has unique policy challenges that may need a different approach to national strategies. It will seek to develop work plans and strategies to improve the area of Govanhill. The group's purpose will be to

inform Parliament of the work that it does in the hope of securing the necessary policy commitments.

Membership

8. Paragraph 6.4.1 requires group membership to include at least five MSPs, with at least one MSP from each of the parties or groups represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The Committee has previously agreed that there should be a general waiver of this Rule in the current Session and Groups are now required to have five MSPs from the majority of parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The proposed Group meets this requirement.

9. The MSP membership (by party) of the proposed Group is as follows—

- 1 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- 1 Scottish Green Party
- 4 Scottish Labour Party
- 1 Scottish Liberal Democrat Party

10. Paragraph 6.4.2 entitles groups to contain members from outwith the Parliament, but states that the overall membership of the CPG should be Parliamentary in nature. The proposed Group has listed 7 non-MSP member in the individual category and 1 in non-MSP member organisations.

Office Bearers

11. Paragraph 6.4.3 requires one MSP to be Convener of the Group and there to be at least one other MSP office bearer. The proposed Group meets this requirement: Anas Sarwar MSP, Annie Wells MSP and Patrick Harvie MSP are the Co-Conveners of the Group.

Financial Benefits and Subscription

12. The registration form indicates that the Group will not receive any financial benefits.

13. The registration form also indicates that members will not be charged a subscription.

Next Steps

14. At agenda item 2 the Committee is invited to discuss any aspects of the application for recognition of the proposed Cross-Party Group on Govanhill with Anas Sarwar MSP and at agenda item 3 the Committee will discuss whether to accord recognition to the proposed Group.

Sam Currie
Support Manager
Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
May 2017

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Govanhill
PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The purpose of the Group will be to bring together elected members from all political parties, local residents and agencies working in and around the Govanhill area of Glasgow to explore solutions to housing, crime and anti-social behaviour, inequality and poverty, social integration and cleansing and environmental issues. It recognises that Govanhill has unique policy challenges that may need a different approach to national strategies. It will seek to develop work plans and strategies to improve the area of Govanhill. The group's purpose will be to inform Parliament of the work that it does in the hope of securing the necessary policy commitments. 2. The proposed purpose of the CPG will be to inform Parliament on matters of Govanhill, explore solutions to housing, crime and anti-social behaviour, inequality and poverty, social integration and cleansing and environmental issues. The CPG will be taking evidence from local residents, businesses, Police Scotland, community councils/groups and local Government officials. The group can then take evidence to the Scottish Parliament for scrutiny and to develop new ideas to create a stronger community and a safer environment. This Group is in the public interest as the issues in Govanhill have had national media interest but have a huge local impact. The public would be updated on Parliamentary discussions and to consider new ways to tackle the number of issues facing the Govanhill area in Glasgow. This would also create a platform for local residents and agencies to present their concerns and proposed solutions to Parliamentarians.

3. Proposed CPG will not overlap other active CPGs. There will be individual CPGs whose work will be relevant to the issues that this group will focus on but there is a need to recognise the unique circumstances in Govanhill and the desire to have tailored policy solutions that are delivered in an integrated and strategic way.

We recognise there will be common issues with other CPGs including on Housing, Health Inequalities, Human Trafficking and Racial Equality. We will seek to find common themes and work together where appropriate.

4. We have agreed to explore the following 4 themes over the next 12 months: housing, crime and anti-social behaviour, cleansing and the environment and social integration.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Anas Sarwar – Scottish Labour Party

Annie Wells – Scottish Conservative Party

Pauline McNeill – Scottish Labour Party

Neil Bibby – Scottish Labour Party

Alex Cole-Hamilton – Scottish Liberal Democrat Party

Patrick Harvie – Scottish Green Party

Johann Lamont– Scottish Labour 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

Alex Hutton

Frances Stojilkovic

Joseph Beaver

Grant McManus

Cheryl McCormick

Marion Nisbet

Inspector Alex Hutton – Police Scotland

Organisations

Govanhill and Crosshill Community Council

A number of organisations have expressed an interest in joining. Agencies have also been invited to join. This will be

	formalised at future meetings.
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.	
Co-Conveners	Anas Sarwar MSP, Annie Wells MSP & Patrick Harvie MSP
Deputy Convener	NONE
Secretary	Crosshill/Govanhill Community Council
Treasurer	NONE
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.	
NONE	
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.	
NONE	
CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS	
Name	Anas Sarwar MSP, Annie Wells MSP & Patrick Harvie MSP
Parliamentary address	M1.15, M2.17 & MG.18
Telephone number	0131 348 5830 0131 348 5991 0131 3486363

STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Govanhill is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed

Date

25/04/2017