



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

MEETING DETAILS

2nd meeting 2017, Session 5

Thursday 26 January 2017 at 10am in
the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4).

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STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

2nd Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 26 January 2017

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5).

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 Groups:** The Committee will consider applications for recognition from four Cross-Party Groups, and take evidence from—

Kezia Dugdale, Co-Convener of the proposed CPG on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses;

Linda Fabiani, Convener of the proposed CPG on Architecture and the Built Environment;

Maurice Golden, Convener of the proposed CPG on Nordic Countries;

Graham Simpson, Deputy-Convener of the proposed CPG on Walking, Cycling and Buses.

3. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Groups on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses, Architecture and the Built Environment, Nordic Countries and Walking, Cycling and Buses.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda item 2

Note by the clerk

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Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

2nd Meeting 2017 (Session 5), Thursday 26 January 2017

Cross-Party Group Applications

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 are four proposed Groups for the Committee's consideration.

Proposed CPG on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses

4. The registration form submitted by the proposed CPG on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses is attached at Annexe A 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." One of the Co-Conveners of the Group, Kezia Dugdale 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—
 - To raise awareness of holistic sexual health and blood borne virus issues and to inform and promote policies grounded in evidence that will address Scotland's response, and health and wellbeing in this field, through the involvement of stakeholders and populations with direct experience.

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 Green Party
- 2 Scottish Labour Party
- 1 Scottish Liberal Democrat Party
- 1 Scottish National 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 no non-MSP members in the individual category and 16 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: Kezia Dugdale MSP, Patrick Harvie MSP, Tom Arthur MSP and Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP are all Co-Conveners of the Group.

Financial Benefits and Subscription

12. The registration form indicates the Group will receive financial benefits from HIV Scotland—

- Estimated value of secretarial support provided by HIV Scotland: 5 days per year at £145 cost to HIV Scotland per day = £725 value. HIV Scotland also to meet costs of refreshments for meetings = £200. Total: £925

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

Proposed CPG on Architecture and the Built Environment

14. The CPG on Architecture and the Built Environment existed in Session 4 of the Parliament. As members are aware all Groups from Session 4, that wished to re-register in the current Session, had to do so by 30 October 2016. The proposed CPG on Architecture and the Built Environment failed to meet this deadline and as such has to come to the Committee for consideration.

15. The proposed Group held its initial meeting on 22 November 2016. The Convener of the proposed Group, Linda Fabiani MSP, provided the following explanation as to why the deadline of 30 October 2016 was missed—

- “The reason we missed the deadline was confusion over the retirement of the long-standing Secretary of the Group. We mistakenly thought that the initial paperwork had been completed. To be honest we were so used to his efficiency over the years, that we were rather complacent.”

16. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe B to this note.

Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

17. Linda Fabiani MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

Purpose

18. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

- To maintain a forum of MSPs and others to promote and further the economic, social, environmental and cultural contributions that architecture and the planned environment make to the quality of life of Scotland's citizens. Also, while acknowledging the responsibilities devolved to the Scottish Parliament, to sustain a dialogue on Scottish architecture, planning and built environment in the European and World contexts.

Membership

19. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows —

- 1 Scottish Green Party
- 1 Scottish Labour Party
- 2 Scottish Liberal Democrat Party
- 1 Scottish National Party

20. The proposed Group has listed 34 non-MSP members in the individual category and 26 in non-MSP member organisations.

Office Bearers

21. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Linda Fabiani MSP is the Convener of the proposed Group and Tavish Scott MSP is the Deputy-Convener.

Financial Benefits and Subscription

22. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive financial benefits from Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland as secretary for the Group and RTPI in Scotland as treasurer for the Group, as follows—

- Voluntary services provided by the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland for Secretary (assume 40 hours @ £50/hour)
- Voluntary services provided by the RTPI in Scotland for Treasurer (assume 10 hours @ £50/hour)

- Support provided throughout the year as required.

23. The form also indicates that members of the Group will be charged a £10 subscription, to cover the cost of speaker expenses and catering.

Proposed CPG on Nordic Countries

24. The registration form submitted by the proposed CPG on Nordic Countries is attached at Annexe C to this note.

Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

25. Maurice Golden MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

Purpose

26. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

- To promote political, cultural, educational and environmental links between Scotland and Nordic Countries; and to foster ties between Scottish and Nordic politicians.

Membership

27. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows —

- 3 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- 1 Scottish Green Party
- 3 Scottish National Party

28. The proposed Group has listed two non-MSP members in the individual category and none in non-MSP member organisations. **Members may wish to ask Maurice Golden MSP if the Group intends to enlist more members that are not MSPs.**

Office Bearers

29. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Maurice Golden MSP is the Convener of the Group and Angus MacDonald MSP and Mark Ruskell MSP are the Deputy-Conveners.

Financial Benefits and Subscription

30. The registration form indicates the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.

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

Proposed CPG on Walking, Cycling and Buses

32. The registration form submitted by the proposed CPG on Walking, Cycling and Buses is attached at Annexe D to this note.

Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

33. Graham Simpson MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

Purpose

34. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

- To raise the profile of walking, cycling and bus use within the Scottish Parliament, and to promote policies and priorities relating to these forms of transport.

Membership

35. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows —

- 1 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- 2 Scottish Green Party
- 1 Scottish Labour Party
- 2 Scottish National Party

36. The proposed Group has listed one non-MSP members in the individual category and 13 in non-MSP member organisations.

Office Bearers

37. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Alison Johnstone MSP and Claudia Beamish MSP are the Co-Conveners and Graham Simpson MSP is the Deputy-Convener.

Financial Benefits and Subscription

38. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.

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

Next Steps

40. At agenda item 2 the Committee is invited to discuss any aspects of the application for recognition of the proposed Cross-Party Groups on—

- Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses with Kezia Dugdale MSP;
- Architecture and the Built Environment with Linda Fabiani MSP;
- Nordic Countries with Maurice Golden MSP; and
- Walking, Cycling and Buses with Graham Simpson MSP.

41. At agenda item 3 the Committee will discuss whether to accord recognition to the proposed Groups.

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

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses
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. To raise awareness of holistic sexual health and blood borne virus issues and to inform and promote policies grounded in evidence that will address Scotland's response, and health and wellbeing in this field, through the involvement of stakeholders and populations with direct experience. 2. There is currently no Cross-Party Group that specifically covers the areas of sexual health and blood borne viruses. The purpose highlights the wide remit the group will have, which is reflected in the wide ranging membership of the group. Moreover, the purpose also notes the aspiration of the group to engage with populations with direct experience of these issues. The Scottish Government's current Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Framework raises a suite of issues, for example improving sexual health across the wider population and better supporting people living with and at increased risk of blood borne viruses. The work of the group would assist in scrutinising issues contained within the Framework, but also be able to react to current issues that arise within this policy field, through drawing on the expertise contained within its membership. 3. It is not anticipated that the work of this group will directly overlap with the current work of any existing Cross Party Groups. As discussed at the inaugural meeting, there may be opportunities to work jointly with some existing groups, for example LGBTI+ issues, Health Inequalities and Drug and Alcohol. The remit of this proposed Group demonstrates the wide-ranging issues it would be seeking to raise, which are not consistently raised through other groups. 4. Testing and screening for blood borne viruses; availability of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis; sexual health education; treatment and care; mental health and wellbeing; legal status of sex work in Scotland; patient/community involvement; transgender population; digital health; sexual health in primary

care; HIV-related stigma; care in the community.	
MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP	
Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.	
<p>Kezia Dugdale MSP (Scottish Labour), Monica Lennon MSP (Scottish Labour), Patrick Harvie MSP (Scottish Greens), Tom Arthur MSP (SNP), Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)</p>	
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	<p>NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; NHS Lothian; Waverley Care; SCOT-PEP; Scottish Paediatric and Adolescent Infection and Immunology Network; University of Glasgow; S-X; NHS Fife; Scottish Transgender Alliance; Terrence Higgins Trust Scotland; LGBT Health and Wellbeing; The Hepatitis C Trust; Glasgow Caledonian University; Stonewall Scotland; Scottish Drugs Forum; Hepatitis Scotland; HIV Scotland.</p>

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	Kezia Dugdale MSP, Patrick Harvie MSP, Tom Arthur MSP, Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	HIV Scotland
Treasurer	

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.

Estimated value of secretarial support provided by HIV Scotland: 5 days per year at £145 cost to HIV Scotland per day = £725 value. HIV Scotland also to meet costs of refreshments for meetings = £200. Total: £925.

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 relevant.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Kezia Dugdale
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Telephone number	0131 348 6894

STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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

Signed	
Date	

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Architecture + the Built Environment

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

Please provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.

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.

Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

The Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Architecture and the Built Environment aims to maintain a forum of MSPs and others to promote and further the economic, social, environmental and cultural contributions that architecture and the planned environment make to the quality of life of Scotland's citizens. Also, while acknowledging the responsibilities devolved to the Scottish Parliament, to sustain a dialogue on Scottish architecture, planning and built environment in the European and World contexts.

This Group is unique in its constitution and focus and does not overlap with any of the groups currently listed on the Scottish Parliament website. It deals with issues which are of crucial importance to Scotland, both socially and economically.

The Group proposes meetings on planning reform, architecture – health and wellbeing and on procurement/procurement reform (arising from the Edinburgh Schools crisis).

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Linda Fabiani MSP

Lewis Macdonald MSP

Liam McArthur MSP

Tavish Scott MSP

Andy Wightman MSP

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	Alistair Scott Andrew Leitch Andy Milne Ann Laird Arthur Acheson Bruce Hare Chris Dalglish Christopher Dingwall David Adams David Somervell Eric Dawson Euan Leitch Ewan Anderson Graeme Purves Hamish Neilson Ingval Maxwell Jack Hugh Jeremy Scott Jocelyn Cunliffe John Gerrard John Pelan John Walls Keith Baker Kirsteen Thomson Leslie Hutt Mark Turnbull Nick Allan Nikola Miller Peter Riddoch Petra Biberbach Rebecca Hughes Robin Turner Sandy Halliday Susan Roaf
Organisations	RTPI in Scotland (Treasurer) Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (Secretary) Smith Scott Mullan Associates Gaia Research Duddingston House Properties Nick Allan Associates Heriot Watt University University of Edinburgh

	Creative Scotland Scottish Civic Trust Urban Tapestry Ltd Landscape Institute Scotland Michael Laird Architects SURF COTAC (Council on Training in Architectural Conservation) SGLH (Scotland's Garden and Landscape Heritage) Leslie Hutt Architect Historic Environment Scotland Peter Riddoch Architect Built Environment Forum Scotland Planning Aid Scotland 7N Architects Ministerial Advisory Group for Architecture & Built Environment (NI) University of Glasgow Glasgow Caledonian University Gray Marshall
<p>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</p> <p>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.</p>	
Convener	Linda Fabiani MSP
Deputy Convener	Tavish Scott MSP
Secretary	Neil Baxter (RIAS)
Treasurer	Craig McLaren (RTPI)
<p>FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

Voluntary services provided by the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland for Secretary (assume 40 hours @ £50/hour)

Voluntary services provided by the RTPI in Scotland for Treasurer (assume 10 hours @ £50/hour)

Support provided throughout the year as required.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

£10.00 per person, to cover speaker expenses and catering.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Linda Fabiani MSP
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Telephone number	0131 348 5698

STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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

Signed	
Date	

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Nordic Countries
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. To promote political, cultural, educational and environmental links between Scotland and Nordic Countries; and to foster ties between Scottish and Nordic politicians. 2. To help foster closer ties with Nordic countries and promote active dialogue between the Scotland and the Nordic region countries. This will encourage collaboration and help the Scottish public and the Nordic community living in Scotland deepen cultural and political ties. 3. The group has a geographical focus and this is unique however where particular issues or themes, on occasion, link to other CPGs we will coordinate activities to minimise overlap. 4. Examples of Nordic policies in areas such as agriculture, environmental, social and health care, trade, digital economy, and culture and their links to Scotland.
MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP
Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.
<p>Maurice Golden MSP Angus MacDonald MSP Finlay Carson MSP Mark Ruskell MSP Jamie Greene MSP Maree Todd MSP Ivan McKee MSP</p>

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	Harry Nimmo, Honorary Consul of Finland Amy Rice, MSP Staff
Organisations	N/A
GROUP OFFICE BEARERS	
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Convener	Maurice Golden MSP
Deputy Convener	Angus Macdonald MSP; Mark Ruskell MSP
Secretary	Amy Rice, MSP Staff
Treasurer	Amy Rice, MSP Staff
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.	
N/A	
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.	
N/A	
CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS	
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number	07825 195 193
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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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

Signed	maurice.golden.msp@parliament.scot
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Date	16/12/2016
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CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Cycling, Walking and Buses
PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS
<p>5. Please state the purpose of the Group.</p> <p>6. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.</p> <p>7. 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.</p> <p>8. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.</p>
<p>1. To raise the profile of cycling, walking and bus use within the Scottish Parliament, and to promote policies and priorities relating to these forms of transport.</p> <p>2. The Group will consider the extent to which infrastructure to enable cycling, walking and bus use, and to reduce air pollution, congestion and injuries or fatalities on Scotland's roads is sufficient or otherwise, and what changes in policies from the Scottish Government are necessary to encourage greater uptake of healthier, more environmentally-friendly and affordable methods of transport, such as cycling, walking and bus use. It is in the public interest for the Cross Party Group on Cycling, Walking and Buses to proceed so that a range of relevant perspectives relating to transport within Scotland can be considered within the Scottish Parliament.</p> <p>3. No definite overlap exists with the purpose of other Groups, and it is not expected that the Group will duplicate the work undertaken by other Groups, but there is the potential for overlap to occur on certain topics. There is potential for overlap with the Cross Party Group on Rail on issues of connectivity, or local accessibility to transport, however, as above, it is in the public interest for the Cross Party Group on Cycling, Walking and Buses to proceed so that a wider range of relevant perspectives relating to transport within Scotland can be considered within the Scottish Parliament, with a specific focus also on the wellbeing of those on Scotland's roads and pavements.</p> <p>There is potential for overlap with the Cross Party Group on Health Inequalities in so far as the Cross Party Group on Cycling, Walking and Buses would anticipate giving attention to the implications of transport provision for health outcomes. It is hoped that the Cross Party Group on Cycling, Walking and Buses will be able to consider transport-specific solutions to such inequalities, and liaise as necessary to influence Scottish Government policy in this area.</p> <p>4. The intention is for the Cross Party Group on Cycling, Walking and Buses to meet three times per year, with each meeting devoted principally to one of these</p>

<p>three methods of transport. Topics among those likely to be discussed in meetings include, but are not limited to: affordability, accessibility and connectivity of journeys; health, safety and comfort of cyclists, pedestrians and bus passengers; priorities for investment from Government, Local Authority, and others, to deliver environmentally-friendly, safe and efficient transport networks across Scotland.</p>	
<p>MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP</p> <p>Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.</p>	
<p>Alison Johnstone (Green), Claudia Beamish (Labour), Graham Simpson (Conservative), Mark Ruskell (Green), Richard Lochhead (SNP), Gail Ross (SNP).</p>	
<p>NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP</p> <p>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.</p>	
Individuals	Tom Rye (Professor of Transport Policy and Director of Transport Research Institute, Edinburgh Napier University)
Organisations	<p>Transform Scotland, Living Streets Scotland, Cycling Scotland, Cycling UK Scotland, Paths for All, Sustrans Scotland, Spokes, Confederation of Passenger Transport UK, Transport Focus, GoBike Strathclyde Cycle Campaign, Ramblers Scotland, Causey Development Trust, Stagecoach UK Bus.</p> <p>(This list is expected to grow)</p>
<p>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</p> <p>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.</p>	
Convener	Alison Johnstone and Claudia Beamish
Deputy Convener	Graham Simpson

Secretary	Richard Doherty (office of Alison Johnstone)
Treasurer	n/a
FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS	
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n/a	
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.	
n/a	
CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS	
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CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS	
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Parliamentary address	M1.10, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP
Telephone number	0131 348 6889
STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Walking, Cycling and Buses is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	
Date	22/12/2016