# Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

# 7th Meeting 2021 (Session 6), Thursday 11 November 2021

# **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 (the Committee) for its approval.
- 2. There are four proposed Groups for the Committee's consideration.

# **Proposed CPG on Creative Economy**

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

# Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

4. Paragraph 18 of Section 6 of the Code states "...one of the proposed Group's MSP office bearers (usually the Convener) will be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee to explain the justification for the proposed Group." Claire Baker MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

# **Purpose**

- 5. Paragraph 19 Section 6 of the Code states "the Committee will pay particular attention to a proposed Group's purpose. If the Committee considers that a proposed Group is not in the public interest but is intended, 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. If there is any overlap Groups are asked to provide justification as to why their aims could not effectively be achieved within an existing Group".
- 6. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—
  - The purpose of the group is to exchange ideas and learning around the development and support of the future creative economy.

- The group will consider support for creative economy in Scotland, exploring barriers to success and highlighting any potential solutions.
- 7. Although there is now a CPG on Culture and Communities, which was approved by the Committee at the meeting on 28 October, the Group does not consider its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group. The form states that—
  - "The Creative Economy Group will focus on for example industrial support, entrepreneurship, economics, investment, private sector, international working. Whereas the Cross-Party Group on Culture and Communities will focus on the impact of the public sector, for example the social, health and educational impact of access and participation in the arts, heritage, libraries, and museums."

# Membership

- 8. Paragraph 8 of Section 6 of the Code 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—
  - One Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
  - Five Scottish Labour Party
  - One Scottish Liberal Democrat Party
  - Two Scottish National Party
- 10. Paragraph 9 of Section 6 of the Code entitles groups to contain members from outwith the Parliament. The proposed Group has listed 19 non-MSP members in the individual category and 29 in non-MSP member organisations.

# **Office Bearers**

11. Paragraph 10 of Section 6 of the Code 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: Claire Baker MSP is the Convener of the Group and Jenni Minto MSP is the Deputy-Convener.

# **Financial Benefits and Subscription**

- 12. The registration form indicates that—
  - "Culture Counts (secretariat) is a project hosted by the Federation of Scottish Theatre. The project receives funding from Creative Scotland and

- from membership subscriptions from members across culture and creative industries, to undertake the work of the Culture Counts project.
- Funding allocated to Culture Counts which will be assigned to this Cross-Party Group in 2021/22 is approximately £1495.00. This includes staff time, artists fees, speakers' fees, room hire and refreshments."
- 13. The registration form also indicates that members will not be charged a subscription.

# **Proposed CPG on India**

14. 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

- 15. Pam Gosal MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.
- 16. The Group did not provide the required meeting notification, this was due to the Convener and her staff being new to the Parliament. The rules that Groups are required to comply with have been notified to the Group and will be re-iterated if the Group is accorded recognition.

# **Purpose**

- 17. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—
  - The Cross-Party Group on India seeks to promote relations between Scotland and India. The Group seeks to work with organisations and authorities to increase cultural, educational and economic exchange between the two countries, who could be one of our largest trading partners which will help support our economy, to engage with the Consulate General of India in Edinburgh and other interested organisations. The group will act as a platform for relevant stakeholders to share their experience and expertise and further aims to find a platform for discussion with MSPs and to keep them informed of the issues raised.
- 18. The Group does not consider its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group.

# Membership

- 19. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows
  - Seven Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

- Three Scottish Labour Party
- Two Scottish National Party
- 20. The proposed Group has listed no non-MSP members in the individual category and two in non-MSP member organisations.

## **Office Bearers**

21. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Pam Gosal MSP is the Convener of the proposed Group and Jenni Minto MSP and Paul O'Kane MSP are the Deputy-Conveners.

# **Financial Benefits and Subscription**

- 22. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.
- 23. The form also indicates that members of the Group will be not be charged a subscription.

# **Proposed CPG on Wellbeing Economy**

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

# Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

25. Paul McLennan 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 increase understanding and delivery of a Wellbeing Economy, one which is in service of people and planet and to promote delivery of sustainable, fair and equal economic development, across a range of interest areas public, private and third sector as well as local and national government.
- 27. The Group does not consider its remit overlaps with any other existing Group.

# **Membership**

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

- One Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- One Scottish Green Party
- One Scottish Labour Party
- Two Scottish National Party.
- 29. The proposed Group has listed no non-MSP members in the individual category and ten in non-MSP member organisations.

## Office Bearers

30. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Paul McLennan MSP is the Convener of the proposed Group and Neil Gray MSP is the Deputy-Convener.

# **Financial Benefits and Subscription**

- 31. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.
- 32. The form also indicates that members of the Group will be not be charged a subscription.

# **Proposed CPG on Social Work**

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

# Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

34. Fulton MacGregor MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

# **Purpose**

- 35. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—
  - To promote understanding of the complexities of the social work profession, bring together its voice and positively raise its profile.
- 36. The Group does not consider its remit overlaps with any other existing Group.

# Membership

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

- One Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- One Scottish Labour Party
- Three Scottish National Party.
- 38. The proposed Group has listed no non-MSP members in the individual category and 30 in non-MSP member organisations.

## **Office Bearers**

39. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Fulton MacGregor MSP is the Convener of the proposed Group and Jeremy Balfour MSP and Paul O'Kane MSP are the Deputy-Conveners.

# **Financial Benefits and Subscription**

- 40. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.
- 41. The form also indicates that members of the Group will be not be charged a subscription.

# **Next Steps**

- 42. At agenda item 1 the Committee is invited to discuss any aspects of the application for recognition of the proposed Cross-Party Groups on—
  - Creative Economy with Claire Baker MSP;
  - India with Pam Gosal MSP;
  - Wellbeing Economy with Paul McLennan MSP; and
  - Social Work with Fulton MacGregor MSP.
- 43. At agenda item 2 the Committee will discuss whether to accord recognition to the proposed Groups.

Sam Currie Support Manager Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee November 2021

## Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Creative Economy

## **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.

## **Group Purpose**

The purpose of the group is to exchange ideas and learning around the development and support of the future creative economy.

The group will consider support for creative economy in Scotland, exploring barriers to success and highlighting any potential solutions.

#### **Public Interest**

It is within the public interest to understand support for the Creative Economy. It is a complex area, and this forum will help to breakdown the complexity and to simplify the issues.

#### **Overlaps**

The Creative Economy Group will focus on for example industrial support, entrepreneurship, economics, investment, private sector, international working.

#### **Indication of Topics**

Brexit; Enterprise Agencies; Regional Economic Partnerships; Economic and Industrial Strategy; Partnership Working and Wellbeing Economy.

#### **MSP Members of the Group**

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

Claire Baker MSP (Labour)

Jenni Minto MSP (SNP)

Sarah Boyack (Labour)

Beatrice Wishart MSP (Liberal Democrat)

Mercedes Villalba MSP (Labour)

Clare Adamson (SNP)

Michael Marra (Labour)

Foysol Choudhury MSP (Labour)

Maurice Golden MSP (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	Matt Brennan
	John Cairns
	Jean Cameron
	Amanda Catto
	Chantal Guevara
	Donna Heddle
	Jane Humphries
	Yvette Jelfs
	Kirsty Keay
	Ullrich Kockel
	Orchid Liu
	Jen McGregor
	David Nicholson
	Emma Jayne Park
	Francis Shennan
	David Stevenson
	Archippus Sturrock
	Matthew Whiteside
	Grant Williams
Organisations	Carey Tourism
	Community Archives Heritage Group Scotland Network

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Community Leisure UK

Creative & Cultural Skills

Creative Scotland

**Edinburgh International Festival** 

Festivals Edinburgh

Historic Environment Scotland

Live Music Now Scotland

Museums Galleries Scotland

Newcastle University, Live Music Exchange

Ofcom

One Dance UK

OnFife

**Publishing Scotland** 

**Rothesay Pavilion** 

Royal Society of Edinburgh

Scene Stirling (Place Partnership)

Science Ceilidh

Scottish Artists Union

Scottish Council on Archives

Scottish Music Industry Association

**SENScot** 

Skills Development Scotland

Traditional Music Forum

**UK Theatre** 

University of Dundee

VOCAL

WHALE Arts

## **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	Claire Baker MSP (Labour)
Deputy Convener	Jenni Minto MSP (SNP)

Secretary	Jennifer Hunter (Culture Counts)
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.

Culture Counts (secretariat) is a project hosted by the Federation of Scottish Theatre. The project receives funding from Creative Scotland and from membership subscriptions from members across culture and creative industries, to undertake the work of the Culture Counts project.

Funding allocated to Culture Counts which will be assigned to this Cross-Party Group in 2021/22 is approximately £1495.00. This includes staff time, artists fees, speakers' fees, room hire and refreshments.

## **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	Claire Baker MSP
Parliamentary address	The Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH99 1SP
Telephone number	01592 786726

#### **Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct**

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

Signed	Clarine Bather
Date	27/09/2021

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## Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on India

## **Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics**

The Cross-Party Group on India seeks to promote relations between Scotland and India. The Group seeks to work with organisations and authorities to increase cultural, educational and economic exchange between the two countries, who could be one of our largest trading partners which will help support our economy, to engage with the Consulate General of India in Edinburgh and other interested organisations. The group will act as a platform for relevant stakeholders to share their experience and expertise and further aims to find a platform for discussion with MSPs and to keep them informed of the issues raised.

The group is in the public interest as it reflects the number of people of Indian heritage choosing to live in Scotland to contribute to our economy and society and is an opportunity to promote common interest and shared heritage.

Main areas of discussion: -

- 1. Trade
- 2. Tourism/Culture
- 3. Education

The Group does not consider there to be any overlap with any other Cross-Party Groups.

#### **MSP Members of the Group**

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

Pam Gosal MSP - Scottish Conservative

Paul O'Kane, MSP - Scottish Labour

Jenni Minto MSP - Scottish National Party (SNP)

Miles Briggs MSP - Scottish Conservative

Foysol Choudhury MSP – Scottish Labour

Jackson Carlaw MSP - Scottish Conservative

Murdo Fraser MSP - Scottish Conservative

Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP - Scottish Conservative

James Dornan MSP - Scottish National Party (SNP)

Sandesh Gulhane MSP - Scottish Conservative

Sarah Boyack MSP – Scottish Labour

Dean Lockhart MSP - Scottish 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	
Organisations	PG Paper Company Ltd
	Consulate of India

## **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	Pam Gosal MSP
Deputy Convener	Jenni Minto MSP Paul O'Kane MSP
Secretary	Puneet Gupta, PG Paper Company Ltd (PGu)
Treasurer	Puneet Gupta, PG Paper Company Ltd (PGu)

#### **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.

N/A.

#### **Convener Contact Details**

Name	Pam Gosal MSP
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Parliamentary address	M2,09, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP
Telephone number	0131 348 5950

Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on India is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	Alosi
Date	25/10/2021

## Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on A Wellbeing Economy

#### **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. The agreed purpose of the group is "To increase understanding and delivery of a Wellbeing Economy, one which is in service of people and planet and to promote delivery of sustainable, fair and equal economic development, across a range of interest areas public, private and third sector as well as local and national government."
- 2. The global pandemic and an increased focus on the climate crisis has forced many organisations and communities to think differently about how to achieve better outcomes for both people and planet. The emergence of wellbeing economies around the world enables us to take a broader look at opportunities for communities across Scotland and there is a role for individuals, organisations, local and national government in working towards better outcomes. Cross Party Group is an ideal space to encourage discussion across the range of organisations and sectors.
- 3. A wellbeing economy has an overview of various health, equalities, economy and sustainability areas. While the existing CPGs on Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency, Carers, and the proposed CPGs on Circular Economy, Health Inequalities and various equalities concerns will specialise in those areas, the understanding of a Wellbeing Economy doesn't compete with them. Instead, in understanding the principles of a wellbeing economy each of these areas can be more effectively pieced together for the greater benefit of communities affected.
- 4. Future agenda topics include (in no particular order):
  - a. The opportunity to build a Wellbeing Economy in Scotland
  - b. The opportunity to for businesses to support and flourish in a Wellbeing Economy
  - c. The opportunity of fiscal benefits generated by a Wellbeing Economy

- d. Opportunities to make better measures of progress matter
- e. Opportunities for people to be at the forefront of economic system change
- f. The opportunity of wellbeing budgets (including exploring the relationship with various budget approaches including, human rights, gender, child rights)
- g. The opportunity to learn from international experiences and networks
- h. A Wellbeing economy for future generations to thrive

## **MSP Members of the Group**

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

Neil Gray MSP (SNP),

Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP (Labour),

Ariane Burgess MSP (Green),

Maurice Golden MSP (Conservative),

Paul McLennan MSP (SNP).

## **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	WEAII Scotland,
	WEAII,
	STUC,
	ALLIANCE Scotland,
	Scottish Enterprise,
	Carnegie UK,
	UN House Scotland,
	Scottish Womens Budget Group,
	Paths for All,
	Includem.

### **Group Office Bearers**

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co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.	
Convener	Paul McLennan MSP
Deputy Convener	Neil Gray MSP
Secretary	Lukas Hardt, Policy & Engagement Lead, WEAII Scotland
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.

#### 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**

Name	Paul McLennan MSP
Parliamentary address	MSP Block M4.06, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99
Telephone number	85083

## **Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct**

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

Signed	Paul McLennan
Date	21/10/2021

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## **Name of Cross-Party Group**

Cross-Party Group on Social Work

## **Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics**

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.

To promote understanding of the complexities of the social work profession, bring together its voice and positively raise its profile.

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

The social work profession is a single profession, very connected to, but separate from, social care. Social workers hold specific duties for welfare and have statutory powers to intervene where necessary. The governance of social work is spread across local authorities, the independent sector and health and social care partnerships. It can be challenging to bring these diverse experiences and voices together, to support and influence national policy and legislation. There can be a lack of, or stereotypical public understanding of the profession, often negatively perpetuated by the media. This CPG will provide a space to collaboratively address issues and work towards solutions in the profession, for people who use social work services, their families, and communities - and for social workers themselves. It will also seek to raise awareness of the profession and to raise its profile in a positive way, to better enable the public to understand the key role that social workers' play in people's lives. This becomes even more significant as Scotland moves towards establishing a National Care Service, of which social work will play an integral part.

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.

Social workers work across adults, children, and justice services and, of course, many of the individuals and families they work with have needs that cut across all these specialisms. There are connections with the CPG on disability and on learning disability and the CPG on carers, given social workers support and protect individuals and families from within these groups. However, these groups are unlikely to explore the social work role in these contexts and whilst there are relevant links, they are not 'overlaps' in purpose, per se. The CPG on social work is the first of its kind since the establishment of the Scottish Parliament.

- 4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.
  - Public perceptions of social work
  - The National Care Service
  - Poverty
  - Drugs deaths
  - Self-Directed Support

## **MSP Members of the Group**

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

Fulton MacGregor (SNP)

Jeremy Balfour (Con)

Paul O'Kane (Lab)

Collette Stevenson (SNP)

Emma Harper (SNP)

## **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	British Association of Social Workers
	Social Work Scotland
	UNISON
	SWU
	COSLA
	Care Inspectorate
	CJVSF
	HSCS
	CCPS
	Scottish Care
	The Alliance
	Iriss
	SSSC
	OCSWA
	Children in Scotland

SASW Committee
SWA
Barnardos
Families Outside
Children's Commissioners office
Mental Welfare Commission
Scottish Human Rights Commission
Community Justice Scotland
Poverty Alliance
Civil servants - directorates with an interest in social work
Inclusion Scotland
ILF (Independent Living Fund)
SDS Scotland (Self-Directed Support Scotland)
SAMH (Scottish Association of Mental Health)
Shubanna, Carers Coalition

## **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	Fulton MacGregor MSP
Deputy Convener	Jeremy Balfour MSP Paul O'Kane MSP
Secretary	Emily Galloway (British Association of Social Workers)
Treasurer	Alison Bavidge (British Association of Social Workers)

#### **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	
Name	Fulton MacGregor
Parliamentary address	M3.07 Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH991SP
Telephone number	0131 348 5797

Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Social Work is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	Fulton MacGregor MSP
Date	27/10/2021