

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross Party Group on Food
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
29 June 2011
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
<p>The AGM scheduled for June 17 2015 had to be cancelled at the last minute due to parliamentary business running on. It was agreed with the Co-Conveners that an electronic election would be held. Notice was sent out on June 17, the election held on July 1 with all votes to be in by July 17 2015.</p> <p>A rescheduled AGM was held on October 7 2015.</p>
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
18 June 2014
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
20 October 2015
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
<p>Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.</p> <p>Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.</p>
<p>25 November 2014 Attendance 5 MSPs, 54 Non MSPs</p>

Topic discussed; The landscape for food and drink post referendum and how further devolution could help address the challenges we face in Scotland's aspiration to become "A Good Food Nation".

The topic was introduced by Richard Lochhead MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and the Environment. The following Co-Conveners then gave their view: Claire Baker (Lab), Jim Hume (LD) and John Scott (Con). Patrick Harvie (Green) was invited but unable to attend at the last minute.

17 February 2015

Attendance 4 MSPs, 54 Non MSPs

Topic discussed; A new Food Body for Scotland
There were two guest speakers:

- Transition of Food Standards Agency Scotland to FSS
Geoff Ogle, Chief Executive of the new Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

- How the FSS Board will work
Ross Finnie, Chair of the new Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

The following then give one brief key aspiration for FSS from their perspective:

- Bill Gray Community Food and Health Scotland
- Dr Gary Stephenson Devro
- Ewan Macdonald-Russell Morrisons

17 June 2014

The AGM had to be cancelled due to Parliamentary business running on.

7 October 2015

Rescheduled AGM following electronic election.

Attendance 2 MSPs, 47 Non MSPs

The results of the election were recorded as follows:

Co Conveners

Claudia Beamish Labour

Rob Gibson SNP

Patrick Harvie Green

Jim Hume Lib Dem

John Scott Con

Secretariat

Mary Lawton SFDF

The Annual return for the last session was also reviewed.

The main theme was the work programme of the Food Commission set up under Good Food Nation. The Chair of the Commission Shirley Spear gave a presentation and this was followed by an open debate.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Claire Baker Labour

Claudia Beamish Labour

Rob Gibson SNP

Christian Allard SNP

Patrick Harvie Green

Jim Hume Liberal Democrat

John Scott Conservative

Alex Fergusson Conservative

Sarah Boyack Labour

Elaine Murray Labour

Richard Baker 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

Elina Scheers Andersson

Jan Polley

Alison Bankier

Katrina Marsden

	<p>Maggie Gordon</p> <p>Martin Meteyard</p> <p>Morag Jardine</p> <p>Graeme Millar</p> <p>Denise Walton</p> <p>Susan Boland</p> <p>Gill Campbell</p> <p>Antonia Ineson</p> <p>Liu Orchid</p>
Organisations	<p>3 x 1 Public Relations</p> <p>Abertay Uni</p> <p>Advocate for Animals</p> <p>AEA Technology</p> <p>Agrico</p> <p>Artilus</p> <p>Asda</p> <p>Brands to Markets</p> <p>British Heart Foundation</p> <p>Carnegie Trust</p> <p>Cooperative Development Scotland</p> <p>Coeliac UK</p> <p>Community Food and Health Scotland</p> <p>Community Food Initiatives North East</p> <p>Community Retailing Network</p> <p>COSLA</p> <p>Countryside Alliance</p> <p>Crofting Org</p> <p>Cyrenians</p> <p>Dairy UK</p> <p>Denvir Marketing</p> <p>East Ayrshire Council</p> <p>Eco Schools</p> <p>Edinburgh Scientific services</p>

	Food and Health Alliance
	Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens
	Fife Diet
	Food Standards Agency (Scotland) (Now FSS)
	Food Training Scotland
	Footprint Consulting
	Freshwater UK
	Glasgow City Council
	Highland Council
	Institute of Food Science and Technology
	Improve Ltd.
	Inside South Network
	Interface Food and Drink
	LANTRA
	Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership
	Lithgows
	Love Pure Cakes
	Macphie of Glenbervie
	Martins
	McDonalds
	McGrigors
	NFUS
	NHS Health Scotland
	NHS Lothian
	North Ayrshire Council
	Nourish
	Office of Fair Trading
	Pagoda PR
	Pinnacle
	Pinsent Masons
	Quality Meat Scotland
	Queen Margaret University
	REHIS
	Robert Gordon University
	RHASS

	Robert Gordon Uni
	Sainsburys
	SAOS
	School of Thai Kitchen Scotland
	Scotch Whisky Association
	Scotland Food and Drink
	Scottish Agricultural College
	Scottish Bakers
	Scottish Borders Council
	Scottish Crofting Federation
	Scottish Enterprise
	Scottish Federation of Meat Traders' Association
	Scottish Food Advisory Committee (now disbanded)
	Scottish Food and Drink Federation
	Scottish Food Guide
	Scottish Food Quality Certification (SFQC)
	Scottish Government
	Scottish Meat Training
	Scottish Natural Heritage
	Scottish Out of School Care Network
	Scottish Organic Milk
	Scottish Qualifications Association
	Scottish Retail Consortium
	Scottish Quality Salmon
	Scottish Social Enterprise Coalition
	Scottish Wholesalers Assn
	Seafish
	Seafood Scotland
	SFQC
	Skills Development Scotland
	Slow Food
	Soil Association Scotland
	Stirling Council
	Strathearn Solutions
	Tartan Silk PR

	<p>Taste Communications</p> <p>Tesco</p> <p>The Children's Orchard</p> <p>Trellis Scotland</p> <p>University of Aberdeen Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health</p> <p>University of Abertay</p> <p>Vivid Solutions</p> <p>Wordbird</p> <p>Which</p> <p>William Reed</p> <p>WLFFC</p> <p>Zero Waste Scotland</p>
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FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Conveners	<p>There are 5 Co-Conveners. Claire Baker MSP was one until Feb 2015 then following her resignation Claudia Beamish MSP was elected. Rob Gibson MSP, Patrick Harvie MSP, Jim Hume MSP, John Scott MSP and Claudia Beamish MSP were all re-elected at the AGM.</p>
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Deputy Convener	None
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Secretary	Mary Lawton SFDF
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Treasurer	None
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FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

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.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

This is a tick!



SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

None

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