

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Housing

**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.)

7<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

26<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**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]

6<sup>th</sup> November 2014

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015

### GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

To allow housing organisations and MSPs to share information and gather knowledge on all matters relating to housing.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015, 1-2pm**

The work of Care and Repair Scotland as an example of the Housing movement bringing solutions to, and jointly working with, Health and Social Care.

- Presented by Graham Harper, Care and Repair Edinburgh

Barriers faced by disabled people in accessing suitable housing across Scotland, and solutions to improve accessibility.

- Presented by Susie Fitton, Capability Scotland and Grant Carson, Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living

Present: 2 MSP members, 8 non-MSP members

### **Thursday 26th March 2015, 1pm-2pm**

Shelter Scotland's "Make Renting Right" Campaign

- Presented by Fiona King, Campaigns and Public Affairs Manager, Shelter Scotland

How Scotland Lives – a new piece of in-depth polling research into the nation's housing needs and aspirations

- Presented by Caroline Cuthbertson, Head of Commercial Banking Scotland, Bank of Scotland

Present: 2 MSP members, 13 non-MSP members

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 1pm-2pm**

Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 with a focus on social housing and private rented sector implications

- Presented by Margaret Burgess MSP, Minister for Housing and Welfare

Present: 2 MSP members, 21 non-MSP members

### **Thursday 24th September 2015, 1pm-2pm**

Affordable housing and its impact on rural local economies

- Presented by Derek Logie, Chief Executive, Rural Housing Scotland.

Present: 2 MSP members, 12 non-MSP members

**Thursday 26th November 2015, 1pm-2pm**

Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill introduced in October 2015

- Presented by Malcolm Warrack PRS 4 Scotland

Present: 3 MSP members, 13 non-MSP members

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Alex Johnstone, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
Bob Doris, Scottish National Party  
Elaine Murray, Scottish Labour  
Gordon MacDonald, Scottish National Party  
Hugh Henry, Scottish Labour  
James Dornan, Scottish National Party  
John Mason, Scottish National Party  
Margaret McCulloch, Scottish Labour  
Margaret McDougall, Scottish Labour  
Mark McDonald, Scottish National Party  
Mike MacKenzie, Scottish National Party  
Patrick Harvie, Scottish Green Party  
Paul Martin, Scottish Labour  
Rhoda Grant, Scottish Labour

**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.

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| Individuals   | N/A   |
| Organisations | Tenants Information Service - Secretary<br>Scottish Association of Landlords<br>Scottish Land and Estates<br>Scottish Federation of Housing Associations<br>Chartered Institute of Housing<br>Scottish Churches Housing Action<br>Shelter Scotland<br>Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland |

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|  | <p>Tenants Participatory Advisory Service</p> <p>Consumer Focus Scotland</p> <p>Scottish Solicitors Property Centre</p> <p>National Landlords Association</p> <p>Housing Options Scotland</p> <p>Life Changes Trust</p> <p>Scottish Cities Alliance</p> <p>Homeless Action Scotland</p> <p>Leonard Cheshire Disability</p> <p>Capability Scotland</p> <p>Federation of Master Builders</p> <p>Grampian Housing Association</p> <p>Salvation Army</p> <p>Crisis</p> <p>Pagoda Porter Novelli</p> <p>Civil Engineering Contractors Association</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.

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| Convener        | Margaret McDougall MSP                      |
| Deputy Convener | Patrick Harvie MSP and Gordon MacDonald MSP |
| Secretary       | Tenants Information Service                 |
| Treasurer       | N/A   |

**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).

Secretariat support is provided by Lynda Johnstone, Development Manager, and Leanne Thomas, Marketing Officer, of the Tenants Information Service.

The Tenants Information Service contract rate for work is £80 per hour which includes professional Development Manager support and includes a dedicated and full administration service; liaison with the Convenor, meeting preparation and calling notices, minute taking and preparation, liaising with members, point of contact for speakers,

For each meeting:

- 1) Preparation for the meeting – agenda setting, preparation of the minutes, calling notices – 3 hours (£240)
- 2) Attendance at the meeting – 3 hours (£240)
- 3) Total - £480

The Cross Party Group on Housing hold 4 meetings a year, therefore the total cost of Secretariat support is £1,920 annually, however this is offered in kind from the Tenants Information Service.

#### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

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

N/A

#### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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