

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Industrial Communities

**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.)

15 June 2011

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

28 January 2014

### 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.

#### Meetings with Ministers

The Cross Party Group on Industrial Communities has been fortunate to have regular liaison with Ministers within the Scottish Parliament. Following the Cabinet Reshuffle in September 2012, Nicola Sturgeon, Deputy First Minister is now the Minister with whom representatives of the group meet on a six monthly basis. Ministerial meetings took place as follows and notes of the meetings were provided to the subsequent Cross Party Group on Industrial Communities for information;

Minister for Youth Employment - 23rd April 2013

Deputy First Minister - 30th May 2013

Deputy First Minister - 11th December 2013

#### Cross Party Group Meetings

The Cross Party Group meets three times a year and generally follows a process of inviting presentation(s) followed by discussion of relevant issues. The Convenor of the CPG was Helen Eadie MSP. Following her sad and sudden death in early

November, the Vice Convenor Colin Beattie MSP took on the role of the Convenor until the AGM. Meetings took place as follows;

### **23rd January 2013**

Key agenda items for this meeting included; Presentation from Angela Constance MSP on the Scottish Government Youth Employment Strategy, Discussion of the ICA Scotland Ten Point Plan for Rebuilding Scotland's Economy, Discussion of CPG Annual Report, Election of Office Bearers and agreement of meeting dates for 2013-14.

Attendance - 5 MSP's, 10 non MSP's.

### **29th May 2013**

Key agenda items at this meeting included; Presentation on the Draft Operational Programme for 2014-2020 by the Scottish Government European Structural Funds division, Presentation on the Impact of Welfare Reforms in Scotland by Professor Steve Fothergill (Report commissioned by the Scottish Parliament Welfare Reform Committee), Report on meeting with Angela Constance MSP.

Attendance 3 MSP's and 11 non MSP'S

### **30th October 2013**

Key agenda items included; Presentation on Zero Hours Contracts and the Living Wage by Peter Kelly of the Scottish Poverty Alliance, Report on Meeting with Nicola Sturgeon MSP, discussion on CPG priorities.

Attendees 3 MSP's and 8 non MSP's.

### **Funding Group Meetings**

A small sub group of the Cross Party Group was established to consider funding issues including European Structural Funds, BiG Lottery, CRT and other funding related issues. The group does not meet on a scheduled basis but meets when there are specific items of relevance to discuss. The Group is chaired by Linda Aird, North Ayrshire Council. A note of the Funding Group meeting is presented to the subsequent Cross Party Group. Funding Group meetings took place as follows;

29th May 2013

### **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.

John Pentland

Mark Griffin

Colin Beattie  
Neil Bibby  
John Mason  
Adam Ingram  
Willie Rennie  
John Lamont  
Elaine Murray  
Jayne Baxter  
Cameron Buchanan

**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

Clackmannanshire Council  
Coalfields Regeneration Trust  
Dumfries & Galloway Council  
East Ayrshire Council  
Fife Council  
National Union of Mineworkers  
North Lanarkshire Council  
Glasgow City Council  
East Lothian Council  
North Ayrshire Council  
South Ayrshire Council  
West Dunbartonshire Council  
ICA Scotland  
Industrial Communities Alliance UK

	Coalfields Community Transport Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum Big Lottery
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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.

Convener	Colin Beattie MSP
Deputy Convener	Neil Bibby MSP
Secretary	Ann Houston (Industrial Communities Alliance)
Treasurer	

**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.

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**SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

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

<b>CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS</b>	
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