

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Rural Policy

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.)

28th September 2011

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

7th October 2014

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]

1st October 2013

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

4th November 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.

- 1st October 2013: **Group AGM and the SRDP 2014-2020** (Attendance: 43, including 5 MSPs)
- 10th December 2013: **Rural Poverty and Disadvantage** (Attendance: 54, including 4 MSPs)

- 19th February 2014: **Planning and Rural Economic Development** (Attendance: 52, including 4 MSPs)
- 21st May 2014: **Coastal Community Regeneration** (Attendance: 38, including 4 MSPs)

More information is available about each meeting, including the agenda, a meeting note, all presentations, and a summary briefing of the key issues discussed, via the **Group's website** (http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120331/group_meetings_2013-14) or via the specific meeting links above.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Alex Fergusson (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party);
 Graeme Dey (SNP);
 Jim Hume (Scottish Liberal Democrats);
 Claire Baker (Scottish Labour);
 Rhoda Grant (Scottish Labour);
 John Scott (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party);
 Jamie McGrigor (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party);
 Jean Urquhart (Independent);
 Annabelle Ewing (SNP);
 Richard Simpson (Scottish Labour);
 Mike MacKenzie (SNP);
 Jackie Baillie (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.

Individuals	Bill Mckelvey, Patricia Neeson, Vanessa Halhead
Organisations	Aberdeenshire Council, Age Scotland Archaeology Scotland

	Argentix Ltd
	Arthouse Galleries
	Big Lottery Fund
	Borders Foundation for Rural Sustainability
	Buccleuch Estates
	Built Environment Forum Scotland
	Cairngorms National Park Authority
	Cambusbarron Community Council
	Carnegie UK Trust
	Borders Foundation for Rural Sustainability
	The Coalfields Regeneration Trust
	Community Land Scotland
	Country Car Club
	The Crichton Institute
	Dumfries & Galloway LEADER
	Dumfries & Galoway Small Communities Housing Trust
	DCM Heritage
	Development Trusts Association Scotland
	Dumfries & Galloway Council
	Dumfries & Galloway Environmental Resources Centre
	Dumfries and Galloway LAG
	East Lothian Council
	European Commission
	Forestry Commission Scotland
	Forth Valley & Lomond LEADER
	University of Aberdeen
	Glasgow University
	Here we are
	Highlands and Islands Enterprise
	Highland Council
	Inspiring Scotland
	The James Hutton Institute
	Lamanca Community Association
	Land Reform Review Group
	Landmaps Ltd

	Lantra MAKAR Ltd Moray LEADER National Cedar Project Scottish Women's Aid National Farmers Union Scotland North Highland Initiative Nourish Scotland Orkney Islands Council Partner Dhu Rural LLP Planning Aid for Scotland Plunkett Foundation Newcastle University Royal Town Planning Institute Rural & Islands Housing Associations Forum Rural Housing Scotland SAC Consulting Scotland Food and Drink Federation Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society Ltd Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) Scottish Borders Council Scottish Churches Rural Group Scottish Countryside Alliance Scottish Crofting Federation Scottish Enterprise Scottish Government Scottish Land Fund Scottish Land and Estates Scottish Natural Heritage Scottish Rural Action Scottish Wildlife Trust Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) Scottish Environmental Protection Agency Soil Association South Ayrshire Council
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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.

Co-Conveners	Alex Fergusson MSP Graeme Dey MSP Claire Baker MSP Jim Hume MSP
Secretariat	Rural Policy Centre, SRUC

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.

Staff time for SRUC staff (Jane Atterton, Siân Ringrose and Sarah Skerratt): £8,590

Refreshments for participants at CPG meetings: £1,214

Speakers' expenses (including hospitality after meetings and travel/accommodation): £618

Other misc expenses (equipment, taxi fare and car parking): £36

Total Group expenses 2012-13: £10,458.00

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).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

Not applicable

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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