

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Credit Unions

**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.)

30 June 2011

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

3 June 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]

4 June 2014

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

13 July 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.

#### **7 October 2014**

Attendance: 5 MSP, 41 non-MSP

Reception for International Credit Union Day

Guest speakers: Joe Schroeder (Ventura County Credit Union, California)

Bobby Gould (CUNA Mutual)

This event heard how the American credit union movement reached a significant

scale and considered some of the lessons Scottish credit unions might learn from the American experience. There was also a networking opportunity for MSPs, credit unions and supportive organisations.

### **17 December 2014**

Attendance: 4 MSP, 18 non-MSP

Topic: Credit unions working with employers

Guest speaker: Kevin Dann (Grampian Credit Union)

This meeting heard examples of partnerships between credit unions and employers, considered the benefits of credit union membership for staff and the advantage for employers of a financially capable workforce, and discussed some of the challenges faced in establishing support and payroll deduction arrangements with employers.

### **4 March 2015**

Attendance: 3 MSP, 25 non-MSP

Topic: Collaboration and transformation for credit unions

Guest speaker: Louise Galbraith (Cornerstone Mutual Services)

This meeting heard an update on the Credit Union Expansion Project, considered some of the challenges faced in modernising and growing the credit union movement, and discussed the processes which could lead to a transformational operating model for credit unions in Scotland.

### **3 June 2015**

Attendance: 5 MSP, 28 non-MSP

AGM – Re-election of office bearers

Followed by meeting on topic: Promoting a savings culture in schools

Guest speakers: Carolann McNulty (Blantyre & South Lanarkshire CU)

Myra Dolan (Blantyre & South Lanarkshire CU)

This meeting heard good examples of credit unions' successes in establishing collection points in schools, considered some of the challenges faced in gaining access to secondary schools and establishing a sustainable delivery model, and discussed how best financial education and a savings culture can be promoted and embedded in schools.

## **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Jackie Baillie MSP (Scottish Labour)

Claudia Beamish MSP (Scottish Labour & Co-operative)

Kezia Dugdale MSP (Scottish Labour & Co-operative)

Neil Findlay MSP (Scottish Labour)

Patrick Harvie MSP (Scottish Green Party)

Jim Hume MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

James Kelly MSP (Scottish Labour & Co-operative)

Johann Lamont MSP (Scottish Labour & Co-operative)

Jenny Marra MSP (Scottish Labour)  
 Mark McDonald MSP (SNP)  
 Margaret McDougall MSP (Scottish Labour)  
 Anne McTaggart MSP (Scottish Labour)  
 Mary Scanlon MSP (Scottish Conservative & Unionist)  
 Drew Smith MSP (Scottish Labour)  
 John Wilson MSP (Independent)

**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	N/A
Organisations	Association of British Credit Unions Limited (ABCUL) 1 <sup>st</sup> Alliance (Ayrshire) Credit Union SCVO Credit Union Social Enterprise Scotland

**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	John Wilson MSP
Deputy Convener	Anne McTaggart MSP
Secretary	Frank McKillop (ABCUL)
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).

07/10/14: £2,000 from CUNA Mutual for catering at International Credit Union Day Parliamentary Reception.

17/12/14: £28.80 from Association of British Credit Unions Ltd (ABCUL) for tea/coffee

04/03/15: £28.80 from Association of British Credit Unions Ltd (ABCUL) for tea/coffee

03/06/15: £28.80 from Association of British Credit Unions Ltd (ABCUL) for tea/coffee

Secretariat support from Frank McKillop, Association of British Credit Unions Ltd (ABCUL), approximately 8 days per year, estimated value £2,400

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

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

No subscription fee is charged.

#### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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