

## 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 ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

**8 August 2013**

### 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.

#### **Meeting: 25th September 2012**

3 MSPs/30 Non-MSPs attended.

The main topic was "Spaghetti Junction: Hubs and Networks linking private, public and third sector interests"

James Laws Business Development and Support Director of the Food and Drink Hub Scotland gave a presentation explain the setting up and working of the hub. Aidan Pia Executive Director of Sencot then outlined the new Community Food Social Enterprise Network that was being set up.

The synergy between the work of the two speakers was noted and the Group stressed the need for the two sectors to consider links and how better to work together.

#### **Meeting: 21st November 2012**

1 MSP/ 39 Non-MSPs attended.

The theme of this meeting was The Food for Life Catering Mark. There were two short presentations:

- Food for Life Scotland, the big picture – Angela Mitchell, Food for Life Scotland Manager, Soil Association Scotland
- Food for Life Catering Mark in action – Margaret Gilmour, Facilities Service Manager, Stirling Council

This was followed by an open debate.

**Meeting: 16 January 2013**

2 MSPs/ 36 Non-MSPs attended

The theme of the meeting was “Co-operative Solutions - rooting businesses, driving growth and benefiting communities”. There were presentations from Sarah Deas, Chief Executive, Co-operative Development Scotland and Dennis Overton, co-founder and Managing Director, Aquascot.

**Meeting: 19 June 2013**

5 MSPs/30 Non-MSPs attended. This meeting was the AGM.

Lewis Macdonald MSP stood down as Co-Convenor and was thanked for all his work on behalf of the CPG Food. The following were elected as Co-Conveners;

Claire Baker MSP (Lab)  
Rob Gibson MSP (SNP)  
Patrick Harvie MSP (Green)  
Jim Hume MSP (LD)  
John Scott MSP (Con)

Mary Lawton SFDF was elected as Secretary.

Following the last meeting, a letter had been sent to the Economic Secretary to the Treasury concerning the modernising of legislation concerning co-operatives. This letter had been signed by all Co-convenors of the Cross Party Group on Food and Cross Party Group on Co-operatives. A reply had been received from Sajid Javid MP updating on progress.

The main topic of the meeting was “The Food and Health Agenda”.

Andy Bruce Head of Tobacco, Alcohol and Diet in the Public Health Division on the Scottish Government gave a short presentation. He outlined their draft proposals for a voluntary framework to support healthy choices. This focuses on the dietary role in obesity –the “energy in” and supports the dietary goals published by the Food Standards Agency Scotland in May 2013. He also covered the new food body. An open debate followed that also covered the recent horse meat incident.

## 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 Scott MSP  
Lewis Macdonald MSP  
Rob Gibson MSP  
Patrick Harvie MSP  
Aileen Mcleod MSP  
Claire Baker MSP  
Jim Hume MSP  
Alex Fergusson MSP  
Elaine Murray MSP  
Margo MacDonald MSP  
Richard Baker MSP  
Stewart Maxwell 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 Frances Gallagher Jan Polley Alison Bankier Katrina Marden Maggie Gordon Martin Meteyard Morag Jardine Graeme Millar Denise Walton Susan Boland
Organisations	3 x 1 Public Relations Aberdeenshire Council Abertay Uni Advocate for Animals AEA Technology Artilus Asda Brands to Markets British Heart Foundation Carnegie Cooperative Development Scotland CLEAR Services Coeliac UK Community Food and Health Scotland

Community Food Initiatives North East  
Community Retailing Network  
Consumer Focus Scotland  
COSLA  
Countryside Alliance  
Crofting Org  
Cyrenians  
Dairy UK  
Denvir Marketing  
East Ayrshire Council  
Eco Schools  
Edinburgh Scientific services  
Elmwood College  
Food and Health Alliance  
Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens  
Fife Diet  
Food Standards Agency (Scotland)  
Food Training Scotland  
Footprint Consulting  
Forth Environment Link  
Forward Scotland  
Friends of the Earth  
Freshwater UK  
Glasgow City Council  
Highland Council  
Hudson  
Institute of Food Science and Technology  
Improve Ltd.  
Inside South Network  
Juice Plus  
LANTRA  
Larder Bytes  
Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership  
Lithgows  
Macphie of Glenbervie  
Martins  
McDonalds  
McGrigors  
Morhamburn  
News Direct  
NFUS  
NHS Grampian  
NHS Health Scotland  
NHS Lothian  
North Ayrshire Council  
Nourish  
Office of Fair Trading  
Pagoda PR  
Quality Meat Scotland  
Queen Margaret University

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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-Convener	John Scott MSP Rob Gibson MSP Patrick Harvie MSP Jim Hume MSP Claire Baker MSP
Deputy Convener	N/A
Secretary	Mary Lawton from the Scottish Food and Drink Federation
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.

None

## 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

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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