

CROSS-PARTY GROUPS IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

ANNUAL RETURN FORM

1. GROUP NAME *Code of Conduct 6.2.4*

Groups that have been accorded recognition will be permitted to use the title *Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament*.

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Food

2. DATE GROUP APPROVED

29 June 2011

3. DATE ANNUAL REPORT

17 July 2012

4. GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

For each group meeting or other activity please provide the date, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and attendance figures (MSP and non-MSP).

Meeting: 29 June 2011

2 MSPs/21 Non-MSPs attended

The main topic was 'Future Meeting Themes'.

Food security and local food.

Further development constraints and needs of farmers markets.

Nutrition of older people in the community

Food links into the Curriculum for Excellence

Food waste (in light of upcoming local food waste collection rollouts around Scotland)

Food seasonality and sustainability

Food safety enforcement in Scotland

Next priorities on Scottish obesity route map and diet (what Responsibility Deal does or does not mean in Scotland too)

Cloning - a clearer Scottish position Nanotechnology and food

Community food (especially growing)

Education

School Meals (Linking procurement to learning)

Food and Environment

Low Carbon Food Systems

Food Resilience.

In order to re-register the Group it had been necessary to hold an electronic election of for the officers. These had been voted en bloc with 44 members in favour and none against. The following were duly elected:

Co-Conveners

John Scott MSP (Conservative)

Lewis Macdonald MSP (Labour)

Rob Gibson MSP (SNP)

Patrick Harvie MSP (Greens)

Jim Hume MSP (Liberal Democrat)

Joint Secretariat

Mary Lawton (SFDF)

Kirsty Rimmer (SFDF)

Meeting: 27 September 2011

5 MSPs/27 Non-MSPs attended

The theme of this meeting was "Farmers Markets". Douglas Watson SAOS Project Manager & National Development Officer for Farmers' Markets gave an overview of the evolution of farmers' markets in Scotland, the challenges and barriers to future growth and the vision for their future. Tony Stone from Stoats gave a manufactures perspective.

Meeting: 22 February 2012

4 MSPs/42 Non-MSPs attended

The theme for this meeting was "Meeting the nutritional needs of older people in the community" and was a joint Meeting of the Cross Party Group and of Older People Age and Aging on Food. The speakers were Callum Chomzuk from Age Scotland. Anne-Marie Sandison, Consumer Focus Scotland spoke about their recent Meals and Messages Report published together with Community Food and Health Scotland. There was then an open debate on this matter.

Meeting: 18 April 2012

2 MSPs/16 Non-MSPs attended

The theme for this meeting was "Eating out in Scotland" Yvonne Cook, Head of Partnership Development at Visit Scotland reviewed what they were doing to promote Scotland –Land of Food and Drink. Pauline Wilkinson Project manager of the Food Standards Agency Scotland reviewed the Food Hygiene Information scheme.

Meeting: 20 June 2012

3 MSPs/23 Non-MSPs attended

This meeting was the AGM. All Co-convenors were re-elected. Kirsty Rimmer had resigned as Joint Secretary so thi will now just be Mary Lawton of SFDF.

The main topic was Healthy Businesses. John Drummond, Chief Executive Scottish Grocers Federation reviewed the SGF Healthy Living Programme, past, present and future. Patricia McCartney (PM), Acting Development Coordinator of the Healthyliving Award spoke to the group about the healthyliving award.

5. GROUP MEMBERS *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8*

When listing members, who are MSPs, only the MSPs name need be given. For members from outwith the Parliament, the name of the member and any employer they represent must be given.

MSPs	Non-MSPs Individuals
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John Scott MSP	Elina Scheers Andersson
Lewis Macdonald MSP	Frances Gallagher
Rob Gibson MSP	Jan Polley
Patrick Harvie MSP	Jo Hunt
Aileen Mcleod MSP	Maggie Gordon
Claire Baker MSP	Martin Meteyard
Jim Hume MSP	Michael Veitch
Alex Fergusson MSP	Morag Jardine
Marco Biagi MSP	Graeme Millar
Elaine Murray MSP	Organisations
Margo MacDonald MSP	
Richard Baker MSP	
Stewart Maxwell MSP	

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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
REHIS
Robert Gordon University
RHASS
SAOS
School of Thai Kitchen Scotland
Scotch Whisky Association
Scotland Food and Drink
Scottish Agricultural College
Scottish Bakers
Scottish Borders Council
Scottish Crofting Federation
Scottish Enterprise
Scottish Federation of Meat Traders' Association
Scottish Food Advisory Committee
Scottish Food and Drink Federation
Scottish Food Guide
Scottish Food Quality Certification (SFQC)
Scottish Government
Scottish Meat Training
Scottish Natural Heritage
Scottish Out of School Care Network
Scottish Qualifications Association
Scottish Retail Consortium
Scottish Social Enterprise Coalition
Seafish
Seafood Scotland
Skills Development Scotland
Slow Food
Soil Association Scotland
Stirrin' Stuff
Stirling Council
Strathearn Solutions
Tartan Silk PR
Taste Communications
Tesco

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6. GROUP OFFICERS *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 4*

Please amend titles as necessary e.g. to indicate joint office holders, or preferred titles.

Convener	John Scott MSP, Rob Gibson MSP, Patrick Harvie MSP, Jim Hume MSP, Lewis Macdonald MSP
Vice-Convener	N/A
Secretary	Mary Lawton from the Scottish Food and Drink Federation
Treasurer	N/A

7. FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED *Code of Conduct 6.3.1 & 6.3.6, 6.4 Rule 10*

The group must register any financial or other material benefit received by the group from whatever source, where the value of the financial sum or benefit from any single source exceeds £500 in any one calendar year. This includes donations, sponsorship, subscriptions, hospitality, gifts, visits, provision of services or accommodation or staff assistance. The value of use of Parliamentary facilities need not be registered.

The details requiring to be registered include a brief description of the benefit, the approximate monetary value, the date on which it was received and the source from which it came. Where a consultancy organisation provides benefits, the client on whose behalf these are provided should be named.

Date	Amount	Description
		None

8. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9*

Where a group charges or proposes to charge a subscription, this must be reasonable and the same for all members. The amount of the subscription should be registered and the purposes for which it is intended to use the subscription.

Amount per group member per year	None
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Date subscription applied	
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9. GROUP STAFF AS PARLIAMENTARY PASS HOLDERS

If a group makes use of staff issued with a Parliamentary pass, any paid activity undertaken by those staff where the employer benefits from the pass holder's access to the Parliament must be registered. There is no need to state the amount of remuneration. The requirement relates both to staff employed directly by the group and to staff employed by an outside organisation to provide assistance to the group.

Staff name	None
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Title of post	
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Name and address of employer organisation	
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Type of employer organisation	
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10. GROUP CONTACT *Code of Conduct 6.3.4, 6.3.5 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.4*

Please give the full details of an elected official of the group who is an MSP who will be the contact for registration matters for the group. Initially this must be the Member who signs the declaration on compliance with the rules on behalf of the group. If a group subsequently changes the designated contact, the office of the Standards Clerk must be informed within 7 days of the change.

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