

# CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

## NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Rail

## PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

### **Purpose of the Group**

- To encourage the development and extension of quality rail services for the people and economy of Scotland.
- To ensure that rail has a high profile in the Scottish Parliament.
- To influence Scottish Government policy on rail, including on connectivity.
- To liaise with Transport Scotland, Network Rail, franchise holders, trades unions, rail interest groups and other such organisations to ensure that MSPs are kept up to date on matters pertaining to rail in Scotland.

### **Overlap**

Very little overlap is anticipated. The cross party group on aviation was formed recently and there may be a small overlap when considering airport rail links.

### **Possible topics for discussion**

- Developments presently underway
- 2014 rail franchise
- Possible short, medium and longer term developments.
- Overview of rail in Scotland

## 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.

Patrick Harvie  
 John Mason  
 Neil Bibby  
 James Kelly  
 Graeme Dey  
 Maureen Watt  
 Richard Lyle  
 Jamie Hepburn  
 Kenneth Gibson  
 Mark Griffin  
 John Finnie  
 Liz Smith

**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

Light Rail Transport Association  
 Network Rail  
 RMT Scotland  
 Rock DCM  
 Scottish Chamber of Commerce  
 Rail Future Scotland  
 RailQwest  
 Transform Scotland  
 Passenger Focus 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.

Co-Convener

John Mason

Co-Convener

Neil Bibby

Secretary	Allan McLean
Treasurer	
<b>FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS</b>	
Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.	
N/A	
<b>SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP</b>	
Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.	
N/A	
<b>CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS</b>	
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