

CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Towns and Town Centres

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
2. 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.
3. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

1. To analyse policy prescriptions and develop ideas and innovations. This will help Scotland's towns and town centres through the current economic climate to emerge stronger, smarter, cleaner, healthier and greener.

The group will discuss ways in which Scotland's towns can work towards sustainable economic growth through greater vibrancy and vitality.

The group will also consider how best to take forward recommendations from the town centre review and the governments regeneration strategy.

2. There is no overlap with other Cross Party Groups Angus MacDonald MSP had an initial meeting to look at starting a group but didn't proceed with it.
3. The Agenda for the Group will be set and discussed with the members at the first official meeting.

It is proposed to hold approximately 6 meetings per year

Examples of the topics proposed to be discussed at the meetings

- Malcolm Fraser, Architects will give an update on the Scottish Governments Review of Towns & Town Centres
- Visit to successful Towns
- Presentation on funding eg BIDS
- Discussions with Local Authorities, individuals and local organisations eg Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Small Businesses

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.

Margaret McCulloch MSP
Margaret McDougall MSP
Mary Fee MSP
Michael McMahon MSP
Siobhan McMahon MSP
John Pentland MSP
Jamie Hepburn MSP
Mike MacKenzie MSP
James Dornan MSP
John Scott MSP
Chic Brodie MSP
Alex Ferguson MSP
Bill Walker MSP
Neil Bibby MSP
Jackie Baillie MSP
Willie Rennie MSP
Alison Johnstone MSP
Graeme Dey MSP
Mark Griffin MSP
Alex Johnstone MSP
Patricia Ferguson MSP
Elaine Smith MSP
Annabelle Ewing MSP
Elaine Murray 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.

Organisations	Professor Leigh Sparks Iain Scott, Scotpreneur Dan Smith Viv Collie
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	<p>Andrew Dixon Kirsteen Currie</p>
Individuals	<p>Economic Development Association (Scotland) Ltd Scottish Chambers of Commerce East Kilbride Shopping Centre Centre for Scottish Public Policy BID Scotland National Skills Academy for Retail Association of Town Centre Management Scottish Retail Consortium Scottish Tourism Alliance FSB Scotland Carnegie UK Trust Keep Scotland Beautiful Planning Aid Scotland Alliance Boots Scotland's Towns Partnership GVA Sustrans Scottish Borders Council Halcrow Scottish Business Crime Centre Falkirk BID Pagoda PR Craft Towns Scotland Development Trusts Association Scotland East Renfrewshire Council</p>
<p>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</p> <p>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.</p>	
Convener	Margaret McCulloch MSP

Deputy Convener	Graeme Dey MSP, Development Trusts Association Scotland, Association for Town Centre Management
Secretary	Scotland's Towns Partnership
Treasurer	
FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS	
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.	
The Group intends to hold 6 meetings per year and estimates that secretariat costs, provided by Scotland's Towns Partnership, will be 3 hours per meeting in total at £20 per hour then total is £60 x 6 meetings = £360 plus £100 for sundry expenses therefore total expenses will be approximately £460 per year.	
SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP	
Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.	
CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS	
Name	Margaret McCulloch MSP
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STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Towns and Town Centres is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	
Date	

