

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Digital Participation

**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.)

13 September 2016

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

3 October 2017

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

1 November 2017

**DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]**

13 September 2016

### 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.

#### **13 September 2016**

Attendance: 4 MSPs, 15 Non-MSP members

Topics discussed: Ofcom's Communication Market Report 2016, Update on SCVO's Digital Strategy

### **30 November 2016**

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 26 Non-MSP members

Topics discussed: Update from Lothian Broadband Networks, update from Renfrewshire Council on its Digital Strategy and overview of the work of TAP-INTO-IT

### **26 April 2017**

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 18 Non-MSP members

Topics discussed: update from Three Mobile on its availability of communications services in Northern Scotland, Professor Michael Fourman provided an update on his analysis of Ofcom broadband data and Ofcom provided overview of key findings from our Access and Inclusion Report.

### **3 October 2017**

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 1 Non-MSPs

AGM

Re-election of office bearers

## **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

- Willie Coffey MSP (SNP)
- Liam McArthur MSP (Liberal Democrats)
- Finlay Carson MSP (Conservative)
- Jamie Greene MSP (Conservative)
- Rhoda Grant MSP (Labour)
- Gail Ross MSP (SNP)
- Pauline McNeil MSP (Labour)
- Clare Adamson MSP (SNP)
- Emma Harper MSP (SNP)

## **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

Mike McGregor

Adrienne Chalmers

Professor Michael Fourman

Mairi Macleod

	John Hunter
Organisations	BT Scottish Futures Trust UCKTA Scottish Government Carnegie Trust Scottish Library and Information Council Lothian Broadband Networks SCVO Wireless Infrastructure Group FarrPoint Citizens Advice Scotland Liz Leonard Media Zero Waste Scotland Lothian Broadband Networks Blackwood Group Etive Technologies Ofcom Highland and Islands Enterprise Tap Into IT Phone Ability SPICE Renfrewshire Council CILIP Church of Scotland Open University Business School

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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.

Convener	Willie Coffey MSP
Deputy Convener	Liam McArthur MSP
Secretary	Jonathan Ruff (Ofcom)
Treasurer	N/A – No membership fees are charged

**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.

Material support of hospitality and Secretariat from Jonathan Ruff at an estimated value of £800 which covers time spent of approx. 4 working days per year during the employment of Ofcom.

Catering services accounted for £386.20.

**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 fees are charged.

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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