

**Minutes of the meeting of the Cross Party Group on Dyslexia
held in the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday 28th September 2016.**

1. **Present:** Margaret Mitchell MSP, Elaine Smith MSP, Donald Cameron MSP, Maurice Golden MSP
2. **Apologies:** Tom Arthur MSP, Stuart McMillan MSP, Oliver Mundell MSP

(List of members attending and apologies to be confirmed)

3. **Purpose of Meeting:**

The meeting was held to meet Scottish Parliament requirements in relation to the establishment of Cross Party Groups.

4. **Election of Officer Bearers**

The following members were elected:

Convener: Margaret Mitchell MSP

Deputy Convener: Elaine Smith MSP

Deputy Convener: Stuart McMillan MSP

Secretary: David Jones

Treasurer: Martin Davies

5. **Key Themes and Priorities**

The members discussed the purpose of the Cross Party Group and agreed to adopt the existing key themes developed in the previous Parliamentary term.

The members agreed that there should be a continued focus on the impact of dyslexia in relation to:

- Education and learning;
- Health

- Behaviours
- Training and employment

In addition a number of specific areas of interest were identified for future exploration including assessments, teacher qualifications, dyslexia in the armed forces and the ongoing Education Scotland Review: Making Sense of Dyslexia.

6. Membership Subscription

Members agreed to set an annual subscription at £5.00 to cover the costs of refreshments at meetings and stationery.

7. Date of Next meeting

Wednesday 7th December 2016