

CROSS PARTY GROUP (CPG) ON IMPROVING SCOTLAND'S HEALTH: 2021 AND BEYOND

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2017, 5.30PM TO 7PM, IN COMMITTEE ROOM 4 OF THE SCOTTISH
PARLIAMENT**

DRAFT MINUTE

PRESENT

MSPS

Kenneth Gibson MSP Convener

Ivan McKee MSP

Maree Todd MSP

Sinead Griffin

Office of Monica Lennon MSP

Invited Guests

Aileen Campbell MSP

Minister for Public Health and Sport

Morris Fraser

The Scottish Government

Non MSPs

Linda Alexander

Children's Health Scotland

Annie Anderson

University of Dundee and Scottish Cancer Foundation

Kenneth Anderson

Individual Member

Mike Andrews

ASH Scotland

Aileen Bryson

Royal Pharmaceutical Society

Graeme Callander

Drink Wise, Age Well

Susanne Cameron-Neilson

Royal Pharmaceutical Society

Eric Carlin

Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems

Julie Cavanagh

Faculty of Public Health in Scotland

Sara Collier

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

Emilie Combet

University of Glasgow

Gerard Crawley

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (NHS)

Emma Crawshaw

Crew 2000

Shane Donnellan

Changeworks

Alison Douglas

Alcohol Focus Scotland

Sheila Duffy

ASH Scotland

Lizzie Edwards

Royal College of General Practitioners

Carole Emslie

Glasgow Caledonian University

John Fellows

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

Ian Findlay

Paths for All

Andrew Fraser

NHS Health Scotland

Nick Hay

NHS Health Scotland

Dawn Henderson

Families Outside

Mathis Heydtmann

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Colwyn Jones

NHS Health Scotland

Kuladharini
Gregor McNie
Nicola Merrin
Celia Nyssens
Graham Ogden

Heather Peace
Brian Pringle
Sharon Simpson

Louise Slorance
Valerie Smith
Lorraine Tulloch
Drew Walker
Jacqueline Walker

Scottish Recovery Consortium
Cancer Research UK
Alcohol Focus Scotland
Nourish Scotland
The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of
Glasgow/University of Dundee
Food Standards Scotland
West Lothian Drug and Alcohol Service
MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University
of Glasgow
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Scotland
ASH Scotland
Obesity Action Scotland
NHS Tayside
NHS Tayside

APOLOGIES

MSPs

Jenny Marra MSP Co-Convener
Tom Arthur MSP
Miles Briggs MSP
Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP
Alison Johnstone MSP
Brian Whittle MSP

Non MSPs

Sara Atherton
Brian Auld
Kylie Barclay
David Blane
Julie Breslin
Iain Broom
Hilda Campbell
Jeff Collin
Tara Cooper
Lucia D'Ambroso
Lynne Douglas
Nadia Fanous
Laurence Gruer
Kenny Harrison
Shona Hilton
Ruth Jepson
Mike Lean

Royal College of Nursing
Individual
British Heart Foundation Scotland
University of Glasgow
Addaction
Individual
Cope Scotland
University of Edinburgh
Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
Centre for Global Development, University of Aberdeen
NHS Lothian
University of Glasgow
Individual
Local Licensing Forum, Argyll & Bute Council
The Institute of Health & Wellbeing, University of Glasgow
University of Edinburgh
University of Glasgow

Nancy Loucks	Families Outside
Elsbeth Macdonald	Food Standards Scotland
Andy MacGregor	ScotCen Social Research
Jacquie McCarrell	Alcohol Focus Scotland
Alison McCallum	NHS Lothian
Heather McVeigh	Mentor Scotland
Denise Meldrum	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Julian Mercer	The Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen
Laurence Moore	MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow
Geoff Ogle	Food Standards Scotland
Jill Pell	The Institute of Health & Wellbeing, University of Glasgow
Lindsay Paterson	Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
Peter Rice	Individual
Bruce Ritson	Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems
Erin Robertson	British Medical Association Scotland
Alan Rodger	Individual
Eric Samuel	Big Lottery Fund Scotland
Andrew Scott	Director of Public Health, The Scottish Government
Simon Shepherd	University of Dundee
Jonathan Sher	Individual
Elena Slodecki	Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland
Kat Smith	University of Edinburgh
Helen Sweeting	MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow
Claire Stevens	Voluntary Health Scotland
Steve Turner	RCPCH Scotland

PART ONE

		Action
1.	<p>Welcome by the Convener</p> <p>The Convener welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular, the Minister for Public Health and Sport, Aileen Campbell MSP and Morris Fraser, from the Tobacco Policy team at the Scottish Government. The Minister was attending the meeting to speak about the forthcoming new Government strategies and strategy refreshes in relation to tobacco, alcohol, obesity and drugs, and afterwards there would be the opportunity for questions and discussion.</p> <p>This was the first Annual General meeting of the Group and Part Two of the meeting would deal with the formal business of the Group.</p> <p>A report of the first year's activities of the Group was available with the papers and the Convener highlighted some key points.</p> <p>It had been an active first year of establishing the Group and membership, encompassing interesting speakers and vital topics. The Cross Party Group had</p>	

	<p>met twice formally and once informally over the year. The Inaugural meeting took place on 2nd November 2016. On 25th January 2017 Professor Graeme Roy of the University of Strathclyde and Professor Jeff Collin of the University of Edinburgh, talked to the Group on The Economy and Public Health: Understanding the impact of health-harming industries. And on the 24th May 2017 Professor Theresa Marteau of the University of Cambridge gave a talk on Behavioural Influences to prevent uptake of health harming commodities, focussing on tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy diet. This meeting had not been a formal Cross Party Group meeting due to security restrictions in place in Parliament, but a presentation with questions and discussions held at ASH Scotland’s offices.</p> <p>The Convener then invited the Minister for Public Health and Sport to address the meeting, and noted there would be an opportunity for questions and discussion afterwards.</p>	
2.	<p>Address by Aileen Campbell MSP, The Minister for Public Health and Sport</p> <p>The Minister thanked the Group for the invitation to attend the meeting and noted the breadth of membership of the Group. She then gave an update on the strategies in relation to tobacco, alcohol, obesity and drugs.</p> <p>All the strategies are being developed or refreshed and it is an opportunity for everyone to be involved in that process. The Government welcomes ideas and being challenged, and it is important that we work together and collaboratively.</p> <p>A lively discussion followed, with questions and answers taking place.</p> <p>The Convener extended thanks to the Minister for coming to speak to the Group, and the Minister and Morris Fraser left the meeting at this point.</p> <p>The Convener reminded members that Cross Party Groups have a crucial role in keeping issues at the forefront of political discourse and encouraged members to put forward questions to Parliament, and for the Group to lodge parliamentary motions for debate on a regular basis.</p>	

PART TWO

		Action
3.	<p>Welcome to new members and apologies for absence</p> <p>The following new members were noted:</p> <p>Nourish Scotland – joined May 2017 Church of Scotland – joined August 2017 The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow – joined August 2017 Changeworks – joined September 2017</p> <p>Number of apologies for today’s meeting: 6 MSPs and 42 non-MSP group members.</p>	

4.	<p>Declaration of interests (Standing item)</p> <p>Members were asked to declare any updates to their original declared interests, and to highlight any conflicts of interest specific to today's meeting.</p> <p>No declarations were made.</p>	
5.	<p>Previous Meetings</p> <p><u>Meeting – 25th January 2017 (formal)</u></p> <p>The minutes were approved as correct.</p> <p>All action points had been progressed, and an update was given on two:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Secretariat to co-ordinate a small working group to develop a media strategy – this is on-going</i> • <i>The Group to write to the Minister to ask for an update on the Government's intentions with regards to the audit of article 5.3 in its Strategy, and express an interest in staying in touch with the outcomes of the Audit.</i> This has been actioned. A reply was received in May 2017 indicating the audit would be taken before the end of the year and results fed back to the Cross Party Group. <p>There were no further matters arising.</p> <p><u>Meeting - 24th May 2017 (informal)</u></p> <p>It was noted that this had not been a formal CPG meeting due to security restrictions in place in Parliament, but a presentation with questions and discussions held at ASH Scotland's offices. The note of the meeting had been circulated, and a copy of the presentation and further references had been made available to CPG members.</p> <p>Maree Todd MSP added she was grateful that the meeting went ahead at ASH Scotland and it was an excellent presentation by Professor Teresa Marteau of the University of Cambridge.</p>	
6.	<p>Office Bearer Elections</p> <p>At this point in the meeting Kenneth Gibson MSP, Convener, passed the chairing of the meeting over to Alison Douglas for the purpose of the election of the co-Conveners.</p> <p><u>Election of co-Conveners</u></p> <p>Both Kenneth Gibson MSP and Jenny Marra MSP had confirmed their willingness to continue to stand as co-Conveners of the Group. The Group was asked to approve their appointment for a further year.</p> <p>The Group approved the appointments.</p> <p>Kenneth Gibson MSP, now elected as co-Convener of the Group for a further year,</p>	

	<p>took over the chairing of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Election of Secretariat</u></p> <p>Alcohol Focus Scotland and ASH Scotland had expressed willingness to continue as joint Secretariat to the Group. The Group was asked to approve their appointment for a further year.</p> <p>The Group approved the appointments.</p>	
7.	<p>Draft Annual Return</p> <p>The draft Annual Return had been circulated with the papers.</p> <p>The Group approved the Annual Return, with the following amendments:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Faculty of Dental Surgery, The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow</i> – to be detailed as The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow • Scottish Cancer Foundation to be added to the list of member <p>The Annual Return will be submitted by the Convener to the Standards Committee of the Parliament.</p>	Sec't/ Convener
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The Convener mentioned the request from Cancer Research UK to highlight the Scottish Cancer Conference taking place on Monday 20th November 2017, at Surgeon's Hall in Edinburgh. It will include discussions on inequalities, the use of data in cancer services and access to medicines. Further information can be found at scottishcancerconference.org.uk and twitter: @scotcancerconf.</p> <p>The Convener then invited the Group to discuss which areas this CPG should take forward for consideration and discussion, and various suggestions were made. Next year is the Year of Young People and the suggestion was made that the first meeting of the Group could focus on young people.</p> <p>Sheila Duffy proposed thanks to all members of the Group, the co-Conveners and MSP members, for all their work over the first year of operation of the Group, and to Coalition members Lorraine Tulloch (Obesity Action Scotland) and Eric Carlin (Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems) who had assisted ASH Scotland and Alcohol Focus Scotland with a lot of work behind the scenes. She also thanked Nicola Merrin and Valerie Smith for all their hard work with Secretariat duties.</p> <p>The Convener then extended thanks to the Secretariat, and to Maree Todd MSP and Ivan McKee MSP for attending today's meeting.</p>	
9.	<p>Date of meetings 2018</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th January 2018, 5.30pm to 7pm in Committee Room 5 of The Scottish Parliament.</p>	