

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Govanhill

### 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.

1. The purpose of the Group will be to bring together elected members from all political parties, local residents and agencies working in and around the Govanhill area of Glasgow to explore solutions to housing, crime and anti-social behaviour, inequality and poverty, social integration and cleansing and environmental issues.  
It recognises that Govanhill has unique policy challenges that may need a different approach to national strategies. It will seek to develop work plans and strategies to improve the area of Govanhill. The group's purpose will be to inform Parliament of the work that it does in the hope of securing the necessary policy commitments.
2. The proposed purpose of the CPG will be to inform Parliament on matters of Govanhill, explore solutions to housing, crime and anti-social behaviour, inequality and poverty, social integration and cleansing and environmental issues. The CPG will be taking evidence from local residents, businesses, Police Scotland, community councils/groups and local Government officials.  
The group can then take evidence to the Scottish Parliament for scrutiny and to develop new ideas to create a stronger community and a safer environment.  
This Group is in the public interest as the issues in Govanhill have had national media interest but have a huge local impact. The public would be updated on Parliamentary discussions and to consider new ways to tackle the number of issues facing the Govanhill area in Glasgow. This would also create a platform for local residents and agencies to present their concerns and proposed solutions to Parliamentarians.

3. Proposed CPG will not overlap other active CPGs. There will be individual CPGs whose work will be relevant to the issues that this group will focus on but there is a need to recognise the unique circumstances in Govanhill and the desire to have tailored policy solutions that are delivered in an integrated and strategic way.

We recognise there will be common issues with other CPGs including on Housing, Health Inequalities, Human Trafficking and Racial Equality. We will seek to find common themes and work together where appropriate.

4. We have agreed to explore the following 4 themes over the next 12 months: housing, crime and anti-social behaviour, cleansing and the environment and social integration.

#### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Anas Sarwar – Scottish Labour Party

Annie Wells – Scottish Conservative Party

Pauline McNeil – Scottish Labour Party

Neil Bibby – Scottish Labour Party

Alex Cole-Hamilton – Scottish Liberal Democrat Party

Patrick Harvie – Scottish Green Party

Johann Lamont– Scottish Labour Party

#### **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

Alex Hutton

Frances Stojilkovic

Joseph Beaver

Grant McManus

	Cheryl McCormick Marion Nisbet Inspector Alex Hutton – Police Scotland
Organisations	Govanhill and Crosshill Community Council A number of organisations have expressed an interest in joining. Agencies have also been invited to join. This will be formalised at future meetings.
<b>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</b>	
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-Conveners	Anas Sarwar MSP, Annie Wells MSP & Patrick Harvie MSP
Deputy Convener	NONE
Secretary	Crosshil/Govanhill Community Council
Treasurer	NONE
<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.	
NONE	
<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.	
NONE	
<b>CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS</b>	
Name	Anas Sarwar MSP, Annie Wells MSP & Patrick Harvie MSP

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<b>STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b>
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I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Govanhill is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.
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Date	25/04/2017
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