

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Rural Policy

### 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.

The purpose of the Group is to inform MSPs and the wider Scottish Parliament about issues relating to rural policies and policy-making in Scotland.

The agreed topics and meeting dates for the Group in 2016-17 are:

- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016: Group re-registration and the potential implications of Brexit for rural Scotland
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016: Shortening the supply chain
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017: Tackling mental health issues in rural Scotland
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017: Successful policy and delivery for rural Scotland: Learning from elsewhere?

All meetings will take place in the Scottish Parliament from 6-7.30pm.

### MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Graeme Dey MSP (Scottish National Party)

John Scott MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Colin Smyth MSP (Scottish Labour)

Mark Ruskell MSP (Scottish Green Party)

Edward Mountain MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Rhoda Grant MSP (Scottish Labour)

Alexander Burnett MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Peter Chapman MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Angus MacDonald MSP (Scottish National Party)

Kate Forbes MSP (Scottish National Party)

Finlay Carson MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Jackie Baillie MSP (Scottish Labour)

### **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

Barbara Kelly

Pat Neeson

Vanessa Halhead

Norman MacAskill

Roger Turner

Drew Ratter

#### Organisations

Aberdeen University

Angus Council

Archaeology Scotland

Argyll and Bute Council

Arthouse Galleries

Barnardos

BIG Lottery

Borders Foundation for Rural Sustainability

British Association of Landscape Industries

Buccleuch Estates

Built Environment Forum Scotland

Cairngorms National Park Authority

Carnegie UK Trust

CADISPA

Community Land Scotland

North Highland Initiative

RSA Fellows Scotland

	Citizens Advice Scotland
	Crichton Carbon Centre
	Crichton Institute
	Crofting Connections
	Crown Estate Scotland
	DCM Heritage
	Community Transport Association
	Dormont Estate
	Dumfries and Galloway LEADER
	Forestry Commission Scotland
	Forth Valley & Lomond LEADER
	Federation of Small Businesses
	Glasgow Caledonian University
	Here We Are Project
	Heriot Watt University
	HIE
	Historic Scotland
	James Hutton Institute
	John Muir Trust
	Keep Scotland Beautiful
	RSPB Scotland
	Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
	Marine Scotland
	National Trust for Scotland
	Newington Communications
	NFUS
	PAS (formerly Planning Aid Scotland)
	Newcastle University
	RSABI
	Rural & Islands Housing Associations Forum
	SAOS

	<p>SRUC/SAC Consulting</p> <p>Scottish Association of Young Farmers</p> <p>Scottish Borders Council</p> <p>Scottish Churches Rural Group</p> <p>Scottish Countryside Alliance</p> <p>Scottish Crofting Federation</p> <p>Scottish Enterprise</p> <p>Scottish Environment Protection Agency</p> <p>Scottish Land and Estates</p> <p>Scottish Natural Heritage</p> <p>Scottish Rural Action</p> <p>Scottish Youth Parliament</p> <p>SCVO</p> <p>Skills Development Scotland</p> <p>Southern Uplands Partnership</p> <p>the University of Stirling</p> <p>the University of the Highlands and Islands</p> <p>The Crown Estate</p> <p>The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust</p> <p>The Horticultural Trades Association (HTA)</p> <p>The James Hutton Institute</p> <p>The Stove Network</p> <p>Dumfries</p> <p>The University of Edinburgh</p> <p>University of West of Scotland</p> <p>Upper Quartile</p> <p>Urban Animation</p> <p>Whitehill Design Studios</p> <p>Whitmuir Community Farm Ltd</p> <p>Woodland Trust Scotland</p> <p>YouthBorders</p>
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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.

Co-Conveners

Graeme Dey MSP (Scottish National Party), John Scott MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party) Colin Smyth MSP (Scottish Labour) and Mark Ruskell MSP (Scottish Green Party)

Deputy Convener

Secretary

Rural Policy Centre, Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)

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.

SRUC's Rural Policy Centre has a budget of £21,820.74 to run the Group in 2016-17. This is Scottish Funding Council Universities Innovation Fund money for which the RPC submitted an internal funding bid. The money covers SRUC RPC staff time (at Full Economic Cost), speakers expenses (including travel, accommodation etc. if required) and catering for attendees at meetings.

**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.

None

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

Name

Parliamentary address	
Telephone number	

<b>STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b>
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I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Rural Policy 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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Signed	Graeme Dey MSP
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Date	05/10/2016
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