

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Industrial Communities

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.)

23rd June 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

19th June 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

28th June 2024

Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

20th June 2023

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.

CPG – 24th October 2023. MSPs present - 2; Non MSPs present – 7.

Topics Covered.

- Coalfields Regeneration Trust – Small Grants. It was agreed to write to Joe FitzPatrick MSP and Minister to seek clarification on this funding stream.
- Vocation, Vocation, Vocation – Making the apprenticeship system work for Britain's older industrial Areas – a document produced by the Industrial Communities Alliance. Following discussion of the document it was agreed to write to Graeme Dey MSP and Minister on the future of the Flexible Workforce Development Fund.
- Local and Regional Development: The Case of Longer-Term Funding – Paper for Consideration by HM Treasury – produced by the Industrial Communities Alliance. Following discussion, it was agreed to share this paper with Neil Gray MSP and Cabinet Secretary to seek a Scottish Government perspective.
- The UK Government Plans for Towns – paper produced by the Industrial Communities Alliance. Discussion took place on the Towns receiving funding in Scotland. It was agreed to invite the Welsh Director Mierion Thomas to the next meeting to receive a Welsh perspective.
- Hybrid Meetings – it was agreed to consider this option going forward.

CPG Annual General Meeting – 19th June 2024. MSPs present - 3; Non MSPs present - 1.

Topics Covered.

- Approval of the Previous Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 20th June 2023.
- Election of Office Bearers – Colin Beattie MSP was elected Convener, Alex Rowley MSP was elected Deputy Convener and Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director, was elected Secretary.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Clare Adamson – Scottish National Party
Jeremy Balfour – Scottish Conservative Party
Colin Beattie – Scottish National Party
Richard Leonard – Scottish Labour Party
John Mason – Scottish National Party
Alex Rowley – Scottish Labour Party
Brian Whittle – Scottish Conservative 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 | |
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| Organisations | Industrial Communities Alliance Argyll & Bute Council Coalfields Regeneration Trust Dumfries & Galloway Council East Ayrshire Council East Dunbartonshire Council East Renfrewshire Council Fife Council Glasgow City Council Inverclyde Council Midlothian Council National Union of Mineworkers |

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| | North Ayrshire Council North Lanarkshire Council Open University (Scotland) Renfrewshire Council South Ayrshire Council South Lanarkshire Council West Dunbarton Council |
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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.

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| Convener | Colin Beattie MSP |
| Deputy Convener | Alex Rowley MSP |
| Secretary | Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director |
| Treasurer | Not applicable |

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

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 subscriptions are charged by the Cross-Party Group (CPG).

All support provided to the CPG via the Alliance Scotland Secretariat is on a pro bono basis.

However, it should be formally recorded that the value of this support has been considered and is less than the £500 threshold for disclosure. More details can be provided, if required, by Roddy MacDonald, Secretary and Alliance Scotland Director – 07720540083.

Convener Contact Details

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