Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

1st Meeting 2022 (Session 6), Thursday 13 January 2022

Cross-Party Group Applications

Introduction

1. In accordance with the provisions on Cross-Party Groups (CPGs) set out in section 6 of the Code of Conduct (the Code), proposals for the establishment of CPGs in the Scottish Parliament must be submitted to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (the Committee) for its approval.

2. There are 4 proposed Groups for the Committee's consideration.

Proposed CPG on Beer and Pubs

3. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe A to this note.

Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

4. Paragraph 18 of Section 6 of the Code states "…one of the proposed Group's MSP office bearers (usually the Convener) will be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee to explain the justification for the proposed Group." Craig Hoy MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

Purpose

5. Paragraph 19 Section 6 of the Code states "the Committee will pay particular attention to a proposed Group's purpose. If the Committee considers that a proposed Group is not in the public interest but is intended, for example, to further particular commercial interests, the Group will not be accorded recognition. The Committee will also consider whether the purpose of a proposed Group overlaps the purpose of an existing Group. If there is any overlap Groups are asked to provide justification as to why their aims could not effectively be achieved within an existing Group".

6. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

- To celebrate, recognise and enhance the contribution the brewing and pub-related hospitality industry plays in Scotland.

7.   The proposed Group does not consider its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group.

Membership

8.   Paragraph 8 of Section 6 of the Code requires group membership to include at least five MSPs, with at least one MSP from each of the parties or groups represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The Committee has previously agreed that there should be a general waiver of this Rule in the current Session and Groups are now required to have five MSPs from the majority of parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The proposed Group meets this requirement.

9.   The MSP membership (by party) of the proposed Group is as follows—

- 12 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

- 6 Scottish Labour Party

- 2 Scottish National Party

10.   Paragraph 9 of Section 6 of the Code entitles groups to contain members from outwith the Parliament. The proposed Group has listed no non-MSP members in the individual category and five in non-MSP member organisations.

Office Bearers

11.   Paragraph 10 of Section 6 of the Code requires one MSP to be Convener of the Group and there to be at least one other MSP office bearer. The proposed Group meets this requirement: Craig Hoy MSP is the Convener of the Group and Paul Sweeney MSP is the Deputy-Convener.

Financial Benefits and Subscription

12.   The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.

13.   The registration form also indicates that members will not be charged a subscription.

Proposed CPG on Maritime and Shipbuilding

14.   The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe B to this note.

Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

15.   Paul Sweeney MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

Purpose

16. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

- To discuss and highlight how the Maritime and Shipbuilding industries contribute to the Scottish economy and Scottish public life. To contribute to the development and promotion of the Maritime and Shipbuilding industries in Scotland. To seek solutions for long term strategic issues facing these vital sectors. To welcome contributions from the sector and learn how the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government can better support these industries.

17. The proposed Group does not consider its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group.

Membership

18. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows —

- 2 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

- 7 Scottish Labour Party

- 1 Scottish Liberal Democrat Party

- 6 Scottish National Party.

19. The proposed Group has listed no non-MSP members in the individual category and six in non-MSP member organisations.

Office Bearers

20. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Paul Sweeney MSP is the Convener of the proposed Group and Stuart McMillan MSP and Graham Simpson MSP are the Deputy-Conveners.

Financial Benefits and Subscription

21. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.

22. The form also indicates that members of the proposed Group will be not be charged a subscription.

Proposed CPG on Poverty

23. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe C to this note.

Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

24.   Beatrice Wishart MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

Purpose

25.   The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

- To act as a forum for exploring the drivers of and solutions to poverty in Scotland. It will act to connect MSPs with organisations working to tackle poverty, as well as with people living on low incomes across Scotland, in order to better inform anti-poverty policy-making and contribute to the ending of poverty in Scotland.

26.   The proposed Group does not consider its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group.

Membership

27.   The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows —

- 2 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

- 4 Scottish Labour Party

- 1 Scottish Liberal Democrat Party

- 5 Scottish National Party.

28.   The proposed Group has listed one non-MSP member in the individual category and 53 in non-MSP member organisations.

Proposed CPG on Sustainable Transport

29.   The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe D to this note.

Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

30.   Graham Simpson MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

Purpose

31.   The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

- To raise the profile of sustainable transport, with a particular focus on cross-modal issues, within the Scottish Parliament, and to promote policies and priorities relating to sustainable transport.

32.   The proposed Group does not consider its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group.

Membership

33.   The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows —

- 3 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

- 1 Scottish Green Party

- 1 Scottish Labour Party

- 1 Scottish National Party.

34.   The proposed Group has listed no non-MSP members in the individual category and 26 in non-MSP member organisations.

Office Bearers

35.   The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Graham Simpson MSP is the Convener of the proposed Group and Sarah Boyack MSP, John Mason MSP and Mark Ruskell MSP are the Deputy-Conveners.

Financial Benefits and Subscription

36.   The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.

37.   The form also indicates that members of the proposed Group will be not be charged a subscription.

Next Steps

38.   At agenda item 2 the Committee is invited to discuss any aspects of the application for recognition of the proposed Cross-Party Groups on—

- Beer and Pubs with Craig Hoy MSP;

- Maritime and Shipbuilding with Paul Sweeney MSP;

- Poverty with Beatrice Wishart MSP; and

- Sustainable Transport with Graham Simpson MSP.

39.   At agenda item 3 the Committee will discuss whether to accord recognition to the proposed Groups.

Sam Currie
Support Manager
Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
January 2022

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Beer and Pubs

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 CPG is to celebrate, recognise and enhance the contribution the brewing and pub-related hospitality industry plays in Scotland.

We hope the CPG will operate through semi-regular meetings, occasional visits and an annual event where the best of Scotland's beer and pub sector can be enjoyed.

The CPG will aim to develop constituency-level awareness of the contribution of the beer and pub sector and will aim to develop an awards programme and encourage recognition of local breweries.

The Group does not consider its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group.

It will also provide a forum to discuss policies that will impact on the beer and pub sector and affect beer drinkers and pub-goers across Scotland.

Beer and pubs play a huge part in each and every region we represent both socially, as meeting places, and economically, as job and wealth creators. We also hope the CPG will recognise the contribution of pubs and licensed bars to community life, particularly those based in rural areas.

MSP Members of the Group

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

Craig Hoy	Conservative	South Scotland
John Mason	SNP	Glasgow Shettleson
Jamie Halcro Johnson	Conservative	Highlands and Islands
Colin Smyth	Labour	South Scotland

Pam Duncan-Glancy	Labour	Glasgow
Martin Whitfield	Labour	South Scotland
Oliver Mundell	Conservative	Dumfriesshire
Meghan Gallacher	Conservative	Central Scotland
Miles Briggs	Conservative	Lothian
Brian Whittle	Conservative	South Scotland
Douglas Lumsden	Conservative	North East Scotland
Liam Kerr	Conservative	North East Scotland
Michael Marra	Labour	North East Scotland
Douglas Ross	Conservative	Highlands and Islands
Neil Bibby	Labour	West Scotland
Donald Cameron	Conservative	Highlands and Islands
Susan Webber	Conservative	Lothian
Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Edinburgh Pentlands
Graham Simpson	Conservative	Central Scotland
Paul Sweeney	Labour	Glasgow

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	
Organisations	All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group
	Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA)
	Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA)
	Scottish Beer and Pub Association
	Budweiser Brewing Group

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.

Convener	Craig Hoy MSP
Deputy Convener	Paul Sweeney MSP

Secretary	All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group, Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA)
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.
n/a

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.
n/a

Convener Contact Details	
Name	Craig Hoy MSP
Parliamentary address	M3.17, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP
Telephone number	0131 348 6976

Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Beer and Pubs is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	CRAIG HOY MSP
Date	13/12/2021

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Maritime and Shipbuilding
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.
To discuss and highlight how the Maritime and Shipbuilding industries contribute to the Scottish economy and Scottish public life. To contribute to the development and promotion of the Maritime and Shipbuilding industries in Scotland. To seek solutions for long term strategic issues facing these vital sectors. To welcome contributions from the sector and learn how the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government can better support these industries.   The Maritime and Shipbuilding industries are deeply significant to Scotland's economic and social history and they continue to play a vital role in our economy and public life. Within the context of changing geo-politics, the Maritime sector must be one of Scotland's greatest assets. It is imperative for the historic Shipbuilding industry to promote, develop and highlight the sector and the associated skills to Government, businesses, and young people.   There is no known overlap with any other Cross-Party Group. It is the Group's intention to collaborate appropriately where there is some shared concern.   This group will discuss and seek solutions where necessary to matters relating to the Maritime and Shipbuilding industries, including but not

limited to the development of these sectors economically; the development of the skills associated with these industries; the associated infrastructure including Ports and to understand how the Scottish Parliament can better support the sector. To discuss, highlight and promote how the Maritime and Shipbuilding industries still contribute greatly to the Scottish economy and Scottish public life.

MSP Members of the Group

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

Paul Sweeney MSP (Scottish Labour and Co-operative)

Stuart McMillan MSP (Scottish National Party)

Graham Simpson MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Alex Rowley MSP (Scottish Labour)

Fergus Ewing MSP (Scottish National Party)

Beatrice Wishart MSP (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Neil Bibby MSP (Scottish Labour)

Michael Marra MSP (Scottish Labour)

Bill Kidd MSP (Scottish National Party)

Katy Clark MSP (Scottish Labour)

Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP (Scottish Labour)

Marie McNair MSP MSP (Scottish National Party)

Richard Leonard MSP (Scottish Labour)

Jenny Minto MSP (Scottish National Party)

Kaukab Stewart MSP (Scottish National Party)

Edward Mountain MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Non-MSP Members of the Group

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Individuals	

Organisations	Maritime UK
	The Institution of Engineers in Scotland
	BAE Systems
	Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions
	Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd
	Strathclyde University Department Of Naval Architecture, Ocean & Marine Engineering

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Convener	Paul Sweeney MSP (Labour and Co-operative)
Deputy Convener	Stuart McMillan MSP (Scottish National Party)
	Graham Simpson MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
Secretary	Maritime UK
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.

N/A

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.

N/A

Convener Contact Details	
Name	Paul Sweeney MSP
Parliamentary address	MG05, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP
Telephone number	0131 348 6388

Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Maritime and Shipbuilding is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	
Date	

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Poverty

Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics
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The Cross Party Group on Poverty aims to act as a forum for exploring the drivers of and solutions to poverty in Scotland. It will act to connect MSPs with organisations working to tackle poverty, as well as with people living on low incomes across Scotland, in order to better inform anti-poverty policy-making and contribute to the ending of poverty in Scotland. We intend to look at what drives poverty for people in key areas – rurality, race, single parent families and disability. We are also keen to explore how we can gain greater consensus on the need to tackle poverty, amongst a range of other areas of interest. We do not consider the purpose overlaps with any other existing Group We do not believe there has been a CPG on Poverty before and believe it is in the public interest for MSPs of all parties alongside expert stakeholders to work together to tackle poverty in Scotland.

MSP Members of the Group
Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.
Neil Gray MSP (SNP), Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP (Lab), Jeremy Balfour MSP (Con), Beatrice Wishart MSP (Lib), Natalie Don MSP (SNP), Bob Doris MSP (SNP), Rhoda Grant MSP (Lab), Emma Roddick MSP (SNP), Miles Briggs MSP (Con),

Collette Stevenson MSP (SNP), Monica Lennon MSP (Lab), Alex Rowley MSP (Lab).	
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	Janice Connelly
Organisations	The Pyramid at Anderston CHAP Poverty and Inequality Commission Glasgow Disability Alliance Friends CIC Age Scotland The Wise Group Joseph Rowntree Foundation Parenting Across Scotland Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance (SIAA) Community Transport Association SURF - Scotland's Regeneration Forum Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA) Scottish Pensioners Forum Newton Primary School Save the Children Bridgeton CAB Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Dundee Bairns Xaverians UK EBI Unites Oxfam Scotland Diabetes Scotland FARE Scotland Ferguslie Community Development Trust Bute Advice Centre

	Dalkeith CAB
	Women's Enterprise Scotland
	Barnardos Scotland
	Funeral Link
	Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home
	Scottish Community Safety Network
	Homeless Network Scotland
	Moray Food Plus
	Cranhill Development Trust
	Includem
	The Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland
	Shelter Scotland
	NASUWT
	Crisis
	Health and Social Care Alliance
	Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) in Scotland
	Welfare Scotland
	Close the Gap
	Mayfield & Easthouse Development Trust
	Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit
	David Hume Institute
	Scottish Womens Convention
	Spirit Advocacy
	Darkwood Crew
	South Uist and Benbecula Free Church
	Sikh and Punjabi Junction Social Enterprise Project
	One Parent Families Scotland (OPFS)

Group Office Bearers

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Convener	Neil Gray MSP

Deputy Conveners	Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP, Beatrice Wishart MSP, Jeremy Balfour MSP
Secretary	
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.
We shall receive secretariat support from the Poverty Alliance.

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.
N/A

Convener Contact Details	
Name	Neil Gray MSP
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Telephone number	01236 439630

Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Poverty is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	Neil Gray MSP
Date	3.12.21

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Sustainable Transport

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.
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4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

1.To raise the profile of sustainable transport, with a particular focus on cross-modal issues, within the Scottish Parliament, and to promote policies and priorities relating to sustainable transport. 2. Transport is one of the most high-profile areas of public policy. It also forms a major component of Scottish Government expenditure. 'Sustainable Transport' is a long-established term in transport policy discussions, referring to the application of sustainable development principles to transport. This is an area of significant public policy concern, not least as transport makes up the single largest component of Scotland's climate change emissions. This CPG has been put in place to continue the work of the Session 5 CPG on Cycling, Walking & Buses and the Session 5 CPG on Rail. Walking, cycling, buses and railways are modes of transport that are promoted as part of sustainable transport, and so this new CPG will provide continuity from transport discussions held in these CPGs during Session 5 of the Parliament. 3. The Group does not consider there to be any overlaps with any existing Cross-Party Groups.

4. The CPG will:

- Conduct significant pieces of work with demonstrable impact.
- Develop an outline five-year work programme. This would include agreement on expected outputs from the group's work (e.g. the preparation of a report akin to those prepared by the Parliament's Committees).
- Concentrate on scrutinising the Scottish Government's 20% traffic reduction target, as introduced in its Climate Change Plan update of December 2020. This would be the focus in year 1 and potentially into year 2.

During the first year the group will focus on the following topics:

- traffic reduction policy, generally
- traffic demand management
- modal shift: walk, cycle, bus, rail
- freight & logistics

MSP Members of the Group

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

Graham Simpson MSP

Sarah Boyack MSP

Liam Kerr MSP

John Mason MSP

Mark Ruskell MSP

Brian Whittle MSP

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	N/A
Organisations	CalMac
	Capital Rail Action Group
	CPT Scotland

	Cycle Law Scotland
	Cycling Scotland
	Cycling UK in Scotland
	Edinburgh Bus Action Group
	Friends of the Far North Line
	GoBike
	Grand Union Trains
	Hitrans
	Levenmouth Rail Campaign
	Light Rail Transit Association
	LNER
	Midlothian Disability Access Panel
	Network Rail Scotland
	Paths for All
	Pedal on Parliament
	Rail Action Group, East of Scotland
	Railfuture
	Ramblers Scotland
	Scottish Association for Public Transport
	Spokes
	Stagecoach
	Transform Scotland
	Women's Cycle Forum Scotland

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Convener	Graham Simpson MSP

Deputy Convener	Sarah Boyack MSP
	John Mason MSP
	Mark Ruskell MSP
Secretary	Transform Scotland
Treasurer	N/A

Financial Benefits or Other Benefits
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N/A

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.
N/A

Convener Contact Details	
Name	Graham Simpson MSP
Parliamentary address	M3:14, Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP
Telephone number	0131 348 6984

Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Sustainable Transport is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	*Graham Simpson MSP*
Date	08/12/2021