

# **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting 2022 (Session 6), Thursday  
24 November 2022**

## **Cross-Party Group Application**

### **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 is one proposed Group for the Committee's consideration.

### **Proposed CPG on Ice Sports**

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." Liam Kerr 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 proposed Group will not be accorded recognition. The Committee will also consider whether the purpose of a proposed Group overlaps the remit of an existing Group. If there is any overlap proposed 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 —
  - To create a platform with key stakeholders, to discuss how Ice Sports can help

support the population being more active, linked to the overall National Active Framework.

- To highlight and promote the work of clubs and the leagues' impact on communities and wellbeing of the population and to work to help influence Government Policy.
- To debate the impact of the cost-of-living crisis for clubs, fans, communities, and the overall sports.

## Membership

7. 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.

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

- David Torrance MSP (Scottish National Party)
- Joe Fitzpatrick MSP (Scottish National Party)
- Natalie Don MSP (Scottish National Party)
- Liam Kerr MSP (Scottish Conservative Party)
- Finlay Carson MSP (Scottish Conservative Party)
- Michael Marra MSP (Scottish Labour)

9. Paragraph 9 of Section 6 of the Code entitles groups to contain members from out with the Parliament. The proposed Group has listed a number of non-MSP members in the individual category and in the non-MSP member organisations.

## Office Bearers

10. 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: David Torrance MSP is the proposed Convener and Liam Kerr MSP is the proposed Deputy-Convener of this group.

## Financial Benefits and Subscription

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

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

## Next Steps

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

- Ice Sports with Liam Kerr MSP

14. At agenda item 3 the Committee will discuss whether to accord recognition to the proposed Group.

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Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee  
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## Cross-Party Group Registration Form

<p><b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b></p>
<p>Cross-Party Group on Ice Sports</p>
<p><b>Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please state the purpose of the Group.</li> <li>2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To create a platform with key stakeholders, to discuss how Ice Sports can help support the population being more active, linked to the overall National Active Framework.</li> <li>• To highlight and promote the work of clubs and the leagues' impact on communities and wellbeing of the population and to work to help influence Government Policy.</li> <li>• To debate the impact of the cost-of-living crisis for clubs, fans, communities, and the overall sports.</li> <li>• Affordability - To debate and make recommendations on the issues of affordability for local communities accessing facilities, and the impact of costs for the sport and communities</li> <li>• To debate and make recommendations on the issues of ice sports reaching net zero by 2030</li> <li>• Accessibility (Community) - To debate and make recommendations on the issues facing local community clubs in relation to the accessibility of local facilities</li> <li>• Accessibility (National) - To debate the accessibility of ice sport arenas, high quality best practice and make any suitable</li> </ul>

<p>recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To create a platform that highlights best practice in Ice Sports, which will enable the sports to be driven forward at a national, grassroots and community level.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>MSP Members of the Group</b></p> <p>Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.</p>	
<p>David Torrance MSP - SNP</p> <p>Finlay Carson MSP - Conservative</p> <p>Joe Fitzpatrick MSP - SNP</p> <p>Liam Kerr MSP - Conservative</p> <p>Michael Marra MSP - Labour</p> <p>Natalie Don MSP - SNP</p>	
<p><b>Non-MSP Members of the Group</b></p> <p>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.</p>	
Individuals	Ben Munnoch
Organisations	Dundee Stars, EIHL (Elite Ice Hockey League), Fife Flyers, Glasgow Clan, Ice Hockey UK, Scottish Ice Hockey, Sportscotland

**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	David Torrance MSP
Deputy Convener	Liam Kerr
Secretary	Ben Munnoch
Treasurer	N/A
<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.	
N/A	
<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.	
N/A	
<b>Convener Contact Details</b>	
Name	David Torrance MSP

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<b>Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct</b>	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Ice Hockey is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	<a href="mailto:David.Torrance.ms12@12arliament.sc0t">David.Torrance.ms12@12arliament.sc0t</a>
Date	2 /10/22-