

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
Thursday 30 May 2024
15th Meeting, 2024 (Session 6)

Consideration of a change of name request for the Cross-Party Group on Drug and Alcohol Misuse

Introduction

1. A request has been received from the CPG on Drug and Alcohol Misuse to change its name to the CPG on Substance Use.
2. The Clerks sought clarification from Convener of the CPG of whether any changes to the purpose of the Group are also proposed to reflect the change of name. The current purpose and the proposed new purpose are set out in the Annexe to this note.
3. Under Section 6, paragraph 40 of the Code of Conduct, any such proposed change to the name or purpose of a Group must be drawn to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee for it to decide if recognition should still be afforded to the Group.

Committee consideration

4. The Committee is required to decide whether, based on the information before it, is it content with the proposed changes and to continue to accord recognition to the Group.
5. In reaching a decision, the Committee may wish to be satisfied that the proposed name and purpose of the CPG Substance Use is similar to the original purpose of the CPG.
6. The Committee is invited to consider whether to:
 - a) Approve the request;
 - b) Seek further information from the Convener of the Group, either in person or in writing; or
 - c) Remove recognition from the Group and ask the Convener to submit a new CPG registration form.

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Annexe

Current name and purpose

Cross-Party Group on Drug and Alcohol Misuse

This Cross-party group's purpose:

Aims to examine the current policy and practice in responding to drug and alcohol misuse in Scotland and to advise on and promote the development of realistic, evidence-based responses, which could assist in the reduction of the damaging consequences of drug and alcohol misuse in Scotland.

Proposed name and purpose

Cross-Party Group on Substance Use

This Cross-party group's purpose:

Aims to examine the current policy and practice in responding to substance use in Scotland and to advise on and promote the development of realistic, evidence-based responses, which could assist in the reduction of the damaging consequences of substance use in Scotland.