**CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN**

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| **NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP** |
| Cross-Party Group on Towns and Town Centres |
| **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.) |
| **21 September 2016** |
| **DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM** |
| **9 September 2020** |
| **DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED** |
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| **DATE OF PRECEDING AGM** [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM] |
| **4 September 2019** |
| **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. |
| * 04/09/19 – Towns for Leisure featured projects and initiatives that are being developed to reinvent towns and town centres for leisure purposes and to drive footfall in innovative ways. Speakers included Regional Screen Scotland discussing Community Cinema, Dunoon Present BID on Festivals and Milngavie BID on the future of events in towns.

(3 MSPs, 55 Non MSPs)* 11/12/19 – Towns: Vacant Spaces Made Good: Meeting postponed to 4/3/20 due to Parliamentary Business and 12/12/19 General Election.
* 04/03/20 – Towns: Vacant Spaces Made Good: The Meeting gave an overview of policy, support and projects repurposing Vacant and Derelict Land within towns. Speakers included representatives from Can Do Places, One Dalkeith, and The Melting Pot’s Co-Working Accelerator Programme.

(2 MSPs, 63 Non MSPs)* 10/06/20 – Meeting cancelled due to lockdown restrictions arising from Covid-19 pandemic.

The CPG had planned to host a Parliamentary Reception on ‘A Celebration of Improvement Districts in Scotland’ on 05/05/20 with the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government, Aileen Campbell MSP. This Parliamentary Reception was cancelled due to lockdown restrictions arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. Also noteworthy is the Scotland’s Towns Partnership Campaign #ScotlandLovesLocal, launched in the Summer of 2020. The MSP Connector Programme has been incorporated into the Scotland Loves Local Campaign and all are encouraged to visit [www.lovelocal.scot](http://www.lovelocal.scot).  |
| **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.  |
| John Scott (Con)Gillian Martin (SNP)Neil Bibby (Lab)George Adam (SNP)Jackie Baillie (Lab)Rachael Hamilton (Con)Daniel Johnson (Lab)Alison Johnstone (Green)Gordon Lindhurst (Con)Angus MacDonald (SNP)Willie Rennie (LibDem)Graham Simpson (Con)Andy Wightman (Green) |
| **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 | Matt Aitken Simon BaldwinValentina BoldRaymond Boyle Maggie BroadleyTom CampbellLouise CasenaveVivien Collie John CorbettGillian Cowell Scott DavidsonPeter de Vink Andrew Dixon Ian FowellMalcolm FraserRos Halley Derek Harper Jianfeng HuangSteve HuntColin KellyPeter LiddellRoseanne MacKayRoss Martin Eva Milroy Sean McLaughlanBrian McLeishRurigdh McMeddesDianne Miller Willie MillerBen MurrayDennis RodwellAngus RossDavid RussellBill SadlerTom SneddonPhil Sykes James TrollandSunil VaruMichael Vickers Derek Wilson Nick Wright |
| Organisations | Architecture + Design ScotlandABB ScotlandAberdeenshire CouncilAlliance BootsAlloa Town Centre BIDAngus Council Argyll and Bute Council Association of Town and City ManagementBarrhead BIDBig Lottery FundBoston NetworksBTBuilt Environment Forum Scotland Business in the Community ScotlandCan Do PlacesCarnegie UK TrustCharity Retail Association City of Edinburgh Council CityFibreCGI Colliers InternationalCrieff BIDCupar and North Fife Tourism Association Cupar Development Trust Currie BrownCycling ScotlandDevelopment Trusts Association ScotlandDodsDundee City Council Dunfermline DeliversEast Ayrshire Council East Dunbartonshire CouncilEast Kilbride Shopping CentreEast Lothian Council East Renfrewshire Council Economic Development Association ScotlandEnergy Edge Falkirk Council Falkirk DeliversFederation of Master BuildersFife Council Fort William Town TeamFreshAyrFSB ScotlandFuture HawickFyne FuturesGlasgow City Council Global Treasure AppGrampian HousingGranton Improvement SocietyHalliday Fraser MunroHighland Council Highlands and Islands Enterprise Historic Environment ScotlandInstitute of Retail Studies, University of StirlingInterfaceIntu PropertiesKeep Scotland BeautifulKingsgate Shopping CentreKirkcaldy4AllLadbrokes Coral Lanark Community Council Langbank Community Council Living StreetsLoop ConnectionsLloyds TSB Foundation MiconexMelrose Living Moffat and District Community Motherwell Town CentreMuseums Galleries ScotlandNatural Power Newmilns Regeneration AssociationNorth Lanarkshire Council One DalkeithPagoda Porter NovelliPaisley First BIDPaths for AllPeople Scotland Perth and Kinross CouncilPJ LeggatePlanning Aid ScotlandPrestwick Community Council Real Retail Solutions Renfrewshire CouncilRetailers Against Crime RICS RTPIScotland’s Rural CollegeScotland's Towns Partnership  - secretaryScottish  Borders CouncilScottish Business Resilience CentreScottish Chambers of CommerceScottish Empty Homes Partnership Scottish Futures TrustScottish Grocers FederationScottish Power Energy NetworksScottish Retail ConsortiumScottish Small Towns GroupSouth Ayrshire CouncilSouth Lanarkshire Council Stirling BID Stirling CouncilStranraer Conservation Area Regeneration SchemeSURFSustrans Scotland TACTRANThe Democratic Society ScotlandThe Retailer GroupTransform ScotlandUSDAWVale of Leven Trust VisitScotlandVoluntary Action FundWeber ShandwickWest End BID West Lothian Council William HillWSP |
| **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 | John Scott (Con) |
| Deputy Convener | Neil Bibby (Lab)Gillian Martin (SNP) |
| Secretary | Elaine Bone, Scotland’s Towns Partnership |
| Treasurer | Elaine Bone, Scotland’s Towns Partnership |
| **FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP**Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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. Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit. |
| 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). Scotland’s Towns PartnershipTotal value of support - £2,000Breakdown:Secretary duties (Scotland’s Towns executives) to the value of £1,900 for 10 days work for the managing all communications with office bearers, members, speakers, supporters; planning agendas and related arrangements; attendance and Minute taking and digital communications for four CPG meetings/activities, AGM and an Office Bearers meeting; and fulfilling Code of Conduct and Best Practice requirements. |
| **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used. |
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