**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 Baldwin  Valentina Bold  Raymond Boyle  Maggie Broadley  Tom Campbell  Louise Casenave  Vivien Collie  John Corbett  Gillian Cowell  Scott Davidson  Peter de Vink  Andrew Dixon  Ian Fowell  Malcolm Fraser  Ros Halley  Derek Harper  Jianfeng Huang  Steve Hunt  Colin Kelly  Peter Liddell  Roseanne MacKay  Ross Martin  Eva Milroy  Sean McLaughlan  Brian McLeish  Rurigdh McMeddes  Dianne Miller  Willie Miller  Ben Murray  Dennis Rodwell  Angus Ross  David Russell  Bill Sadler  Tom Sneddon  Phil Sykes  James Trolland  Sunil Varu  Michael Vickers  Derek Wilson  Nick Wright |
| Organisations | Architecture + Design Scotland  ABB Scotland  Aberdeenshire Council  Alliance Boots  Alloa Town Centre BID  Angus Council  Argyll and Bute Council  Association of Town and City Management  Barrhead BID  Big Lottery Fund  Boston Networks  BT  Built Environment Forum Scotland  Business in the Community Scotland  Can Do Places  Carnegie UK Trust  Charity Retail Association  City of Edinburgh Council  CityFibre  CGI  Colliers International  Crieff BID  Cupar and North Fife Tourism Association  Cupar Development Trust  Currie Brown  Cycling Scotland  Development Trusts Association Scotland  Dods  Dundee City Council  Dunfermline Delivers  East Ayrshire Council  East Dunbartonshire Council  East Kilbride Shopping Centre  East Lothian Council  East Renfrewshire Council  Economic Development Association Scotland  Energy Edge  Falkirk Council  Falkirk Delivers  Federation of Master Builders  Fife Council  Fort William Town Team  FreshAyr  FSB Scotland  Future Hawick  Fyne Futures  Glasgow City Council  Global Treasure App  Grampian Housing  Granton Improvement Society  Halliday Fraser Munro  Highland Council  Highlands and Islands Enterprise  Historic Environment Scotland  Institute of Retail Studies, University of Stirling  Interface  Intu Properties  Keep Scotland Beautiful  Kingsgate Shopping Centre  Kirkcaldy4All  Ladbrokes Coral  Lanark Community Council  Langbank Community Council  Living Streets  Loop Connections  Lloyds TSB Foundation  Miconex  Melrose Living  Moffat and District Community  Motherwell Town Centre  Museums Galleries Scotland  Natural Power  Newmilns Regeneration Association  North Lanarkshire Council  One Dalkeith  Pagoda Porter Novelli  Paisley First BID  Paths for All  People Scotland  Perth and Kinross Council  PJ Leggate  Planning Aid Scotland  Prestwick Community Council  Real Retail Solutions  Renfrewshire Council  Retailers Against Crime  RICS  RTPI  Scotland’s Rural College  Scotland's Towns Partnership  - secretary  Scottish  Borders Council  Scottish Business Resilience Centre  Scottish Chambers of Commerce  Scottish Empty Homes Partnership  Scottish Futures Trust  Scottish Grocers Federation  Scottish Power Energy Networks  Scottish Retail Consortium  Scottish Small Towns Group  South Ayrshire Council  South Lanarkshire Council  Stirling BID  Stirling Council  Stranraer Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme  SURF  Sustrans Scotland  TACTRAN  The Democratic Society Scotland  The Retailer Group  Transform Scotland  USDAW  Vale of Leven Trust  VisitScotland  Voluntary Action Fund  Weber Shandwick  West End BID  West Lothian Council  William Hill  WSP |
| **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 Partnership  Total value of support - £2,000  Breakdown:  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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