

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on the Circular Economy

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.)

31st August 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

24th October 2023

Date Annual Return Submitted

31st October 2023

Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

2nd November 2022

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.

1st February 2023: The topic for the meeting was material footprints with presentations and discussion including issues, such as material

flow accounts, circular economic policy in Austria, critical minerals and how businesses can support the fight against climate change.

5 MSPs and 33 non-MSPs were in attendance.

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

19th April 2023: The topic for the meeting was textiles with an introduction by the Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Bioeconomy followed by the presentation of a new report from the Adam Smith Business School titled 'Evidencing the Need for a National Citizens Clothing Circularity Strategy (NCCCS)'. There then followed a roundtable discussion on the report and the issue of textiles, sustainability and the circular economy.

4 MSPs and 63 non-MSPs were in attendance.

The meeting was held in-person at the Scottish Parliament.

6th June 2023: The topic for the meeting was marine pollution with presentations on the Marine Conservation Society's Beachwatch initiative, marine pollution with a particular focus on vessels at the end of their working life, the Scottish Government's Marine Litter Strategy, the Global Plastics Treaty and its impact on Scotland and a pre-recorded presentation on identification and recovery of marine litter. The presentations were followed by a roundtable discussion of the issues raised.

4 MSPs and 18 non-MSPs were in attendance.

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

24th October 2023: The focus for the meeting was the decarbonisation of the waste sector with presentations on a new report from the Scottish Environmental Services Association and what action industry is taking to reduce emissions and aid wider net zero and sustainability goals across society. The presentations were followed by a roundtable discussion of the issues raised. This meeting also served as the group's AGM, during which office bearers were elected and a number of new members were adopted.

5 MSPs and 34 non-MSPs were in attendance.

The meeting was held in-person at the Scottish Parliament.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Maurice Golden MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)

Finlay Carson MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)

Liam Kerr MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)

Michelle Thomson MSP (SNP)

Monica Lennon MSP (Scottish Labour)

Sarah Boyack MSP (Scottish Labour)

Mark Ruskell MSP (Scottish Greens)

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

Anthony Burns (ACS Clothing)

Stephen Cameron (ENVA)

Clare Campbell (Prickly Thistle)

Ronan Doyle (RMD Consulting)

John Ferguson (Binn Eco Park)

Dr Toni Freitas

Chris Hellawell (Edinburgh Tool Library)

Reeni Kennedy-Boyle (Fyne Futures)

Xiaoyan Ma (Danu Robotics)

Mary Michel (Ostero)

Fleur Ruckley (Topolytics)

Paul Smith

Nicki Souter (Resource Management Association Scotland)

	Dr Lynn Wilson (Adam Smith Business School) Martha Wood – Circular DS International
Organisations	Scottish Environment LINK Fidra Keep Scotland Beautiful Marine Conservation Society Resource Futures Community Resource Network Scotland British Heart Foundation Scotland
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	Maurice Golden MSP
Deputy Convener	Monica Lennon MSP Mark Ruskell MSP
Secretary	Phoebe Cochrane (Scottish Environment LINK) Catherine Gemmell (Marine Conservation Society) Sophie Brett (Keep Scotland Beautiful) Catherine Gunby (Fidra)
Treasurer	Phoebe Cochrane (Scottish Environment LINK) Catherine Gemmell (Marine Conservation Society)

	Sophie Brett (Keep Scotland Beautiful)
	Catherine Gunby (Fidra)

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.

Sponsorship by the Adam Smith Business School/University of Glasgow of a meeting held on 19th April 2023 for provision of catering. Total value £872.

Sponsorship by the Environmental Services Association of a meeting held on 24th October 2023 for provision of catering. Total value £668.27.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
(Please tick all boxes that apply)

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on <X>, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	X
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	X
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	X
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	X

Provided minutes of all meetings		X
Signed	Maurice Golden	
Date	31 st October 2023	