

## Cross-Party Group Registration Form

### Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Co-operatives

### Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics

To provide a platform for MSPs and others with an interest in co-operation and mutuality to:

- increase awareness of the co-operative model and its contribution to Scotland's social and economic development
- promote co-operation as a vital component of Scotland's future
- work with the Scottish Government, Co-Operative Development Scotland and the sector to identify how best to sustain existing co-operative and mutual groups and to encourage an increase in co-operative working in Scotland.

### Public interest

Co-operatives are socially and economically important businesses, providing good jobs and vital services in communities across Scotland. Co-operatives are an important tool for reducing inequalities in wealth, wellbeing, power and opportunity, through day-to-day business. As such, the work of the CPG in helping to understand and harness the potential of co-operatives will be of broad public interest.

Furthermore, the co-operative sector in Scotland greatly appreciated the work of the CPG in Co-operatives in the last Parliament. The sector's engagement in the work of that CPG was consistently very high.

### Other CPGs

There are no overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups.

### Topics

At the initial meeting members indicated an interest in the CPG covering the following topics over the coming 12 months:

- informing and scrutinising the implementation of Scottish Government's Programme for Government as it relates to co-operatives

- the ambitions and support needs of Scotland's co-operatives and how these could be better-met by Scottish Government's business support interventions
- how Scottish Government's enterprise agencies currently operate with regard to co-operatives, their mission and objectives and how their co-operative development activities are resourced
- planning reform and co-operatives
- how Scottish Government could support housing co-operatives
- co-operatives as part of community wealth building
- co-operatives and energy, transport, environment and net zero

### **MSP Members of the Group**

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

Sue Webber, Conservative  
 Paul Sweeney, Labour and Co-operative  
 Sarah Boyack, Labour and Co-operative  
 Monica Lennon, Labour and Co-operative  
 Claire Baker, Labour and Co-operative  
 Foysol Choudhury, Labour  
 Paul O'Kane, Labour and Co-operative  
 Colin Smyth, Labour and Co-operative  
 Elena Whitman, Scottish National Party

### **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	Fasil Bogale Andy Maybury Stephen Gill Katharine McCrossan
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	Ruth Hall James Proctor Stephen Kelly Martin Meteyard Jack Lord Jaye Martin James Baster Chris Cowcher Katie Little
Organisations	Co-operatives UK, Greencity Wholefoods, VME Co-op
<p><b>Group Office Bearers</b></p> <p>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.</p>	
Convener	Paul Sweeney MSP
Deputy Convener	Claire Baker MSP
Secretary	James Wright, Co-operatives UK
Treasurer	N/A
<p><b>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</b></p> <p>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</p>	

includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Co-operatives UK will provide secretariat for the CPG. This support is valued at c£3,300 of Co-operatives UK's staffing costs for c24 days of officer time a year.

### **Subscription Charged by the Group**

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

N/A

### **Convener Contact Details**

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### **Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct**

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Co-operatives is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed



Date

28/10/2021