

# Cross-Party Group on Co-operatives

6 October 2021, 1pm – 1.45 pm

Minute

Present

MSPs

Paul Sweeney MSP, Monica Lennon MSP, Claire Baker MSP, Foysol Choudhury MSP, Paul O'Kane MSP, Colin Smyth MSP

Non-MSP Group Members

James Wright, Co-operatives UK

Apologies

Sarah Boyack MSP, Elena Whitman MSP

Reconvening CPG

Those present reviewed the purpose of the CPG on Co-operatives in the 2016-21 Parliament and agreed to reconvene the group, subject to conditions being met.

Members of CPG

Those present indicated their intention to be members of the CPG on Co-operatives. Sarah Boyack MSP, Elena Whitman MSP and Sue Webber MSP have also indicated their intention to join the CPG on Co-operatives.

It was confirmed that the cross-party composition of the CPG would meet the minimum requirements for registration.

Appointment of officers

Paul Sweeney MSP was agreed as Convenor  
Claire Baker MSP was agreed as Deputy Convenor  
James Wright (Co-operatives UK) as agreed as Secretary

## Future business

Members expressed an interest in the CPG looking at the following topics:

- 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