

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross Party Group on Food
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.)
22nd September 2021
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
21st September 2022
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
22nd September 2022
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]
22 September 2021 (re-establishment meeting)
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.
September 22nd 2021 Attendance 3 MSPs, 64 non-MSPs. Chaired by Rhoda Grant MSP. This meeting was held virtually due to Covid restrictions.

There was an election of officers and the following were elected;
Co-Conveners

Rhoda Grant MSP Labour
Jim Fairlie MSP SNP
Annie Wells MSP Con

Secretariat
Mary Lawton FDF Scotland

Impact of Covid 19 on Consumer Trends- What does this mean for Food and Drink?

- Scene setting Allene Bruce , Director, New Nutrition Business

Thoughts from;

- Dr Gillian Purdon, Head of Nutrition Science and Policy, Food Standards Scotland
- Amanda Brown, Director, The Knowledge Bank

Open Debate

- How do these findings chime with policies on health, sustainability and economic recovery?
- What should we maximise /minimise?

There was also a discussion of themes for future meetings.

November 3rd 2021

Attendance 5 MSPs, 43 non-MSPs .Chaired by Jim Fairlie MSP. The meeting was held virtually due to Covid restrictions. This meeting was held during COP in Glasgow with the theme:

Achieving Net Zero in Scotland's Food and Drink Supply Chains

- Scotland Food and Drink (SFD) Net Zero–Sarah Millar , Director of Market Intelligence and External Affairs Quality Meat Scotland/ SFD Net Zero Task Force Member
- Decarbonisation of the Wholesale Industry – Colin Smith CE, Scottish Wholesale Association
- Glasgow City Food Plan - Abi Mordin-Co-Founder Propagate and Glasgow Food Policy Partnership

There was an open debate on the topic.

26 January 2022

Attendance 6 MSPs, 63 non-MSPs. Chaired by Rhoda Grant MSP. The meeting was held virtually due to Covid restrictions.

Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill -Achieving the Vision.

- Dr Ashley Cooke , Head of Food Policy, Scottish Government
- Stephanie Mander, Co-ordinator Scottish Food Coalition
- Jayne Jones, Commercial Manager, Argyll and Bute Council

There was an open debate covering in particular;

- Purpose
- Making this a vision for everyone
- Co-ordinating cross cutting policies

April 27th 2022

Attendance 4 MSPs, 35 non-MSPs. This meeting was held virtually due to covid. The meeting was originally going to have the theme of Fair Work, but this was changed given the situation in Ukraine.

The Impact of Ukraine War on Food Security and Supply

There were meant to be two speakers, who are both on the Scottish Government's Short Life Taskforce established to monitor, identify and respond to any potential disruption to food security and supply resulting from the impact of the war in Ukraine. However, James Withers –Chief Executive, Scotland Food and Drink (Co-Chair of Taskforce) got delayed so David Thomson CEO FDF Scotland (and Task Force member stood in)

- David Thomson CEO FDF Scotland and SG Task Force member
- Professor Chris Elliott, OBE - Professor of Food Safety, Institute for Global Food Security, Queens University, Belfast.

This was followed by an open debate.

September 21st 2022 (AGM)

Attendance 5 MSPs, 35 non-MSPs. Chaired by Rhoda Grant MSP. The meeting was held virtually.

There was an election of officers and the following were elected;

Co-Conveners

Rhoda Grant MSP Labour

Jim Fairlie MSP SNP

Annie Wells MSP Con

Secretariat

Kirsty Tinsdale, Food and Drink Federation Scotland

Innovation in the Food and Drink Industry –What does it Actually Mean?

Thoughts from:

- Alistair Williams, Food and Drink Theme Lead, National Manufacturing Institute for Scotland (NIMS)
- Dr Jon Wilkin, Senior Lecturer in New Product Development, Abertay University Transform Net Zero Project
- Dr Ollie Folayan, Co-Founder and Chair, Association of Black and Minority Ethnic Engineers and member of Scottish Government's Equalities and Wellbeing in Manufacturing Working Group

Case study from:

- John Farley, Director, Sutherland's of Portsoy

This was followed by an open debate.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Rhoda Grant Lab

Claire Baker Lab

Colin Smyth Lab

Jim Fairlie SNP

Colette Stephenson SNP

Brian Whittle Con

Annie Wells Con

Mark Ruskell 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

Elina Scheers Andersson

Martin Meteyard

	<p>Morag Jardine Denise Walton Lesley Stanley Christopher Trotter Colette Backwell Colette Walker John Whitehead Ian Shankland Maire Amelie Viatte Fiona Bird Peter Brown Bosse Dahlgren Chris Peace Angela Lamont Cate Devine Paul Swarbrigg Uel Morton Devon Scobie Dan Axley Natasha Martins Bill Gray</p>
Organisations	<p>Aberdeen Uni Abertay Uni Action on Sugar Agrico AHDB AIC Scotland Apetito Argyle and Bute Council Artilus Asda Bellenden Biomics Ltd British Dietetic Assn</p>

Business in the Community Scotland
Caledonian Public Affairs
Cancer Research
CFINE
City Press
Coca Cola
Coeliac UK
Community Food and Health Scotland
Community Food Initiatives North East
Compassion in World Farming
COSLA
Crops in Pots
Cyrenians
Dairy UK
Dawnfresh
Deans
Devro
Diabetes Scotland
Dram Communications
East Lothian Council
Edinburgh Community Food
Edinburgh Food Social
Edinburgh Larder
Edinburgh Scientific Services
Edinburgh University
Fareshare
Food and Drink Federation Scotland
Food Train
Food Standards Scotland
Food Training Scotland
Forth Environment Link
Glasgow City Council
Glasgow Caledonian Uni
Greencity Wholefoods
Greggs

Guala Closures
Halogen Communications
Healthyliving award
Health Comms Consulting
Hibernian Community Foundation
Innovate
Institute of Food Science and Technology
Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre
Interface Food and Drink
Kafoodle
Keep Scotland Beautiful
Keep Scotland the Brand
Kettle Produce
Lantra
Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership
Landworkers Alliance
Lynbreck Croft
Macswreens
Magic Breakfast
McDonalds
Newcastle Uni
New Nutrition
NFUS
NHS Lothian
Nourish
Nutrition Communications
Nutrition Research and Communication
Obesity Action Scotland
OneKind
Pagoda PR
Pinnacle
Pinsent Masons
PLMR Scotland
Propagate Scotland
Public Health Scotland

Quality Meat Scotland
Queen Margaret University
3 R Energy
REHIS
Robert Gordon University
Royal Society of Arts
Royal Society of Chemistry
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
RHASS
RSPB
SAOS
Salmon Scotland
School of Thai Kitchen Scotland
Scotch Whisky Association
Scotland Food and Drink
Scottish Agricultural College
Scottish Bakers
Scottish Craft Butchers
Scottish Crofting Federation
Scottish Enterprise
Scottish Food Guide
Scottish Food Quality Certification (SFQC)
Scottish Government
Scottish Land and Estates
Scottish Natural Heritage
Scottish Organic Milk
Scottish Pig Producers
Scottish Qualifications Authority
Scottish Retail Consortium
Scottish Wholesale Assn
Scot Assn Meat Wholesalers
Seafish
Seafood Scotland
SEFARI-Scot Environ, Food and Agriculture Research Institutes
SEPA

	SFQC Skills Development Scotland Slow Food Social Farms and Gardens Soil Association Scotland SRUC Stirling Uni Strathclyde Uni Supernature Tartan Silk PR Taste Communications Tesco The Orchard Project Transition Edinburgh Trellis Scotland UK Chinese Times UK Hospitality University of Aberdeen University of Abertay Vivid Solutions Wordbird Zero Waste 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	Rhoda Grant, Jim Fairlie, Annie Wells
Deputy Convener	None

Secretary	Kirsty Tinsdale, Food and Drink Federation Scotland
Treasurer	None

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).

The Secretary received support from FDFS. This is £500/day and covers 20 days a year.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

None

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Rhoda Grant MSP
Parliamentary address	Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP
Telephone number	0131 348 5766