

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.)
22 September 2021
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
10 September 2025
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
26 September 2025
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]
11 September 2024
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.

26 February 2025

Attendance 3 MSPs, 31 non-MSPs. Chaired by Rhoda Grant MSP. This meeting was a hybrid meeting.

The theme was how can we help to prevent food crime in the supply chain?

There were presentations from:

- Professor Chris Elliott OBE, Honorary Professor of Food Safety at Queen's University Belfast
- Helen Gillen - Regulatory Manager at the Food and Drink Federation
- Ron McNaughton - Head of the Scottish Food Crime and Incidents Unit at Food Standards Scotland

This was followed by an open debate.

14 May 2025

Attendance 3 MSPs, 54 non-MSPs. Chaired by Elena Whitham MSP. This meeting was a hybrid meeting.

The theme was what to expect from the National Good Food Nation Plan and what does this mean for local authorities and health boards?

There were presentations from:

- Dennis Overton OBE, Chair, the Scottish Food Commission
- Tilly Robinson-Miles, Partner and Stakeholder Relationship Fellow, Living Good Food Nation Lab - University of Edinburgh
- Dan Jenkins, Senior Health Improvement Specialist, NHS Highland
- Jill Muirie, Public Health Programme Manager, Glasgow Centre for Population Health

This was followed by an open debate.

10 September 2025 (AGM)

Attendance 2 MSPs, 37 non-MSPs. Chaired by Annie Wells MSP. This meeting was a hybrid meeting.

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

Co-Conveners

Annie Wells (Conservative)

Rhoda Grant (Labour)

Elena Whitham (SNP)

Secretariat

Kirsty Tinsdale, Food and Drink Federation Scotland

The theme was priorities for the next Scottish Parliament and Government.

There were presentations from:

- Anna Chworow, Deputy Director of Nourish (Scotland): Public Diners
- Baukje de Roos, Professor of Human Nutrition at the Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen: Scotland's food balance sheet
- Dr Ifeyinwa Kanu, CEO of IntelliDigest: Food System Resilience - Public Sector Local Food Procurement

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.

Annie Wells Con

Tim Eagle Con

Brian Whittle Con

Rhoda Grant Lab

Claire Baker Lab

Elena Whitham SNP

Colin Smyth

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

Natasha Martins

Lesley Stanley

	<p>Fiona Bird Martin Meteyard Simon Macdonald Cate Devine Faith Davies Marie-Amelie Viatte Stephen Kelly Mary Lawton Carrie Ruxton Laura Wyness Rosa Holt Ann Packard</p>
Organisations	<p>Abertay University Agrecalc Limited Artilus Asda Biomics Ltd British Coffee Association Community Food Initiatives North East Charlesfield Farms Citypress ClimateXChange Company Shop Group Compassion Edinburgh CRUK Scotland Centre Dairy UK Devro Ltd Edinburgh Community Food FareShare Food and Drink Federation Scotland Food & Drink Exporters Association Food Integrity Assurance Ltd Food Standards Scotland Food Train</p>

Food Training Scotland
Food, Farming and Countryside Commission
Forth Environment Link
Glasgow Community Food Network
Halogen Communications
Hospitality Industry Trust
IFST
IntelliDigest
Interface
Intergenerational National Network
James Hutton Institute
Keep Scotland Beautiful
Keep Scotland the Brand
Lantra Scotland
Learning for Sustainability Scotland
MECOPP
Myreside Organics
National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS)
NatureScot
Nesta
New Nutrition Business
NFU Scotland
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Nourish (Scotland)
Obesity Action Scotland
OneKind
Peacock Salt
Perth and Kinross Council
PLMR
Propagate (Scotland)
Public Health Scotland
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Royal Highland Education Trust
Royal Society of Chemistry
Scotland's Rural College, including SAC Consulting
Salmon Scotland
SAOS
SCDI
SCFDI
Scotland Food & Drink
Scottish Craft Butchers
Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Scottish Food Guide

The Scottish Government
Scottish Land & Estates
Scottish Retail Consortium
Scottish Wholesale Association
Soil Association Scotland
SQA
SRUC
Stockfree Farming
TESCO
The Open University in Scotland
The Orchard Project
The Scottish Pantry network
Transition Edinburgh South (Scotland) Ltd
UK Chinese Times
University of Aberdeen
University of Edinburgh
University of Glasgow School of Health & Wellbeing
University of Strathclyde
Vivid Ideas and Solutions Ltd
WWF 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, Elena Whitham, 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).

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

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