

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

**Name of Cross-Party Group: Independent Convenience Stores**

**Cross-Party Group on: 14/11/23**

**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.)

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

**Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Date Annual Return Submitted**

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**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]

14<sup>th</sup> December 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.

- 1. 28/02/23: Title:** Restriction of Alcohol Advertising and Promotion in Scotland (Consultation).

The CPG looked at the Scottish Government's '**Consultation on Restricting Alcohol Advertising and Promotion**' which sets out a range of potential proposals to reduce and restrict alcohol marketing including prohibiting alcohol advertising outdoors, phasing out alcohol sponsorship and reducing the promotion of alcohol in-store. 5 MSPs in attendance (Gordon MacDonald MSP, Daniel Johnson MSP, Murdo Fraser MSP, Sharon Dowey MSP, Douglas Lumsden MSP) and 17 non-MSPs.

**2. 26/09/23: Title:** Restricting promotions of food and drink high in fat, sugar, or salt. The Scottish Government is considering restricting promotions of food and drink high in fat, sugar, or salt. Ministers will take the next steps on proposing regulations soon. Our CPG discussed these issues and more.  
2 MSPs in attendance (John Mason MSP, Gordon Macdonald MSP) and 29 Non-MSP's.

**3. AGM: 14/11/23: Title (2 topics):** Illicit Trade and our annual report on the convenience sector in Scotland. SGF's '*Scottish Local Shop Report 2023*'.

**Illicit trade** - alcohol, fireworks, toys (including electric and chargeable items), tobacco and vaping products were highlighted as being common illicit goods. HMRC discussed enforcement against illicit tobacco trade.

**Local Shop Report** - Issues such as Brexit, Covid and latterly the war in Ukraine have significantly destabilised the UK economy, alongside an ongoing period of societal change and this has resulted in challenging circumstances for retailers. The importance of the convenience sector for communities was highlighted also. 4 MSPs (Gordon Macdonald MSP, Daniel Johnson MSP, Murdo Fraser MSP, John Mason MSP) in attendance and 18 non-MSPs.

**Note:** A CPG was due to take place on Deposit Return Scheme on June 14<sup>th</sup>. However, this was cancelled due to uncertainties surrounding the scheme.

### **MSP Members of The Group**

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

**Gordon MacDonald MSP, Scottish National Party**

**Daniel Johnson MSP**, Scottish Labour  
**Stephanie Callaghan MSP**, Scottish National Party  
**Murdo Fraser MSP**, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
**Jackie Baillie MSP**, Scottish Labour  
**John Mason MSP**, Scottish National Party  
**Monica Lennon MSP**, Scottish Labour  
**Foyso Choudry MSP**, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
**Maurice Golden MSP**, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
**Rachael Hamilton MSP**, Scottish Conservative and Unionist 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.

<b>Individuals</b>	Professor Leigh Sparks, Stirling University Dr Maria Rybazewska, Stirling University
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<b>Organisations</b>	Scottish Grocers Federation - Secretary Scotmid British Independent Retailers Association Scottish Wholesale Association Scottish Licensed Trade Association Scottish Business Resilience Centre Scottish Anti Illicit Trade Group Keep Scotland Beautiful Scottish Local Retailer Co-operative Food Clydebank Co-operative CJ Lang & Son Ltd Booker Premier Costcutter Supermarkets Mace Stores
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**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.

<b>Convener</b>	Gordon MacDonald MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Daniel Johnson MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Luke McGarty
<b>Treasurer</b>	N/A

**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**

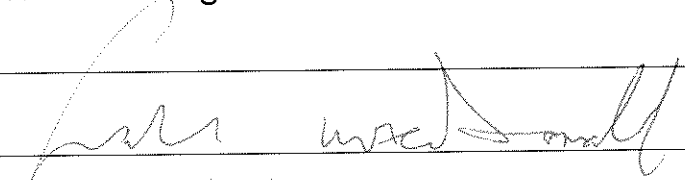
than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

N/A

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	
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	
Provided minutes of all meetings	
Signed	
Date	1/12/23

