

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Industrial Communities

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.)

23rd June 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

21st June 2022

Date Annual Return Submitted

17th October 2022

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]

23rd June 2021

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.

CPG - 28th September 2021. MSPs present – 3; Non MSPs present – 12.

Topics Covered.

- Levelling Up – Ten Priorities for the Spending Review and Draft White Paper. Discussion led by Professor Steve Fothergill outlining the 10 priorities and their implications.
- Land & Property Development – A Scottish Context – Discussion led by Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director on the key and current issues for our industrial communities.
- Future Topics for Discussion this Session agreed with current CPG members.

CPG – 23rd November 2021. MSPs present - 4; Non MSPs present – 9.

Topics Covered.

- A 'Levelling Up Fund' in Name Only? An assessment of the first round of successful bids. Presentation by Professor Steve Fothergill providing a geographical overview of the funding allocations.
- Scottish Government Just Transition – A Fairer, Greener, Scotland – An Opportunity for our Communities? Presentation led by Stuart Douglas, Head of Operations, Coalfields Regeneration Trust on the pertinent issues the coalfield areas.
- Alliance Scotland – Land & Property Development – A Series of Asks Update – Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director.
- Alliance Scotland – Request to engage with Parliamentary Committees – An Update – Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director. Permission to engage with Parliamentary Clerks approved.

CPG – 8th February 2022. MSPs present - 2; Non MSPs present - 11.

Topics Covered.

- Subsidy Control Update – Malcolm Leitch , Glasgow City Council outlining the key issues from a Local Authorities perspective.

- Green Ports – Economic Growth? Cllr. Peter Henderson, Leader of South Ayrshire Council. Based on his previous experience the Elected Member provided an overview of the current challenges.
- Levelling Up White Paper – Position Statement – GB Secretariat. An assessment of where we are across the 4 Nations was provided.
- Beyond the Pandemic – Report Commissioned by the Coalfields regeneration trust and the Industrial Communities Alliance – GB Secretariat. An assessment was provided on the impact of COVID 19 on our coalfield communities.
- Alliance Scotland – Land & Property Development – A Series of Asks – Exchange of Letters with the Cabinet Secretary – Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director. A copy of the letter sent, and the letter received from Kate Forbes, MSP and Cabinet Secretary was discussed.

Informal CPG – 29th March 2022. MSPs present - 1; Non MSPs present - 7.

Topics Covered.

- Levelling Up White Paper – An Update – Professor Steve Fothergill. An assessment of the current position from a UK perspective.
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Developments in Scotland – Malcolm Leitch, Glasgow City Council. An assessment from a Scottish Local Authorities perspective was provided.
- Scottish Government NPF4 Consultation – An Alliance Scotland Response – Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director. The Alliance Scotland response to the Scottish Government Consultation was noted.

N.B. as this was an informal meeting all topics were for noting with no decisions made.

CPG – 21st June 2022. MSPs present - 4; Non MSPs present - 12.

Topics Covered.

- Election of Office Bearers – Colin Beattie MSP was elected Convenor , Alex Rowley MSP was elected Deputy Convenor and

Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director was elected Secretary.

- Levelling Up and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund – A UK Position Statement – Professor Steve Fothergill. An overall assessment of where we are in from a UK context was shared.
- A Scottish/Local perspective – Open Forum of MSPs and Elected Members. Discussion took place on the current local impact of the Levelling Up and UKSP funds.
- Review of the CPG business activities over the past Parliamentary Session – Roddy MacDonald, Secretary. An overview was provided on the topics covered by the CPG over the past session and the impact of the Group.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Clare Adamson – Scottish National Party

Jeremy Balfour – Scottish Conservative Party

Colin Beattie – Scottish National Party

Richard Leonard – Scottish Labour Party

John Mason – Scottish National Party

Paul McLennan – Scottish National Party

Alex Rowley – Scottish Labour Party

Brian Whittle – Scottish Conservative 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	
Organisations	Industrial Communities Alliance Argyll & Bute Council

	Coalfields Regeneration Trust Dumfries & Galloway Council East Ayrshire Council East Dunbartonshire Council East Renfrewshire Council Fife Council Glasgow City Council Inverclyde Council Midlothian Council National Union of Mineworkers North Ayrshire Council North Lanarkshire Council Open University Renfrewshire Council South Ayrshire Council South Lanarkshire Council West Dunbarton Council
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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.

Convener	Colin Beattie MSP
Deputy Convener	Alex Rowley MSP
Secretary	Roddy MacDonald, Alliance Scotland Director

Treasurer	Not applicable
<p>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).</p>	
<p>Subscription Charged by the Group</p> <p>Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
<p>No subscriptions are charged by the Cross-Party Group (CPG).</p> <p>All support provided to the CPG via the Alliance Scotland Secretariat is on a pro bono basis.</p> <p>However, it should be formally recorded that the value of this support has been considered and is less than the £500 threshold for disclosure. More details can be provided if required by Roddy MacDonald, Secretary and Alliance Scotland Director – 07720540083.</p>	
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