

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return 2022-23

### Name of Cross-Party Group

**Cross-Party Group on Scottish Gypsy/Travellers**

**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.)

29 September 2021

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

22 November 2023

### Date Annual Return Submitted

**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]

10 November 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.

10 November 2022: The AGM followed by business which discussed the National Action Plan with presentations on the subject from Scottish Government and COSLA officials. Followed by a presentation from a representative of Social Security Scotland. 3 MSPs were present.

24 May 2023: presentations from Article 12 in Scotland and STEP vis the work on education for Gypsy/Traveller children and young people. Followed by an update on the national Action Plan by a Scottish Government official. 1 MSP and an MSP's representative were present.

22 September 2023: A forward plan for the group was discussed focusing on the following:

Contact COSLA to request an update, in advance of the next meeting, on the National Action Plan in relation to accommodation and any evaluation documentation including that of the negotiated stopping places pilot.

In order to further raise awareness, it was proposed that an application to hold an exhibition of the work of key individuals and organisations at the parliament be made.

To consider the establishment of an event similar to the Showman's Guild annual dinner. This is well attended by MSPs and gave members of the Guild direct access to them.

A mapping exercise of fairs and their meaning to the community – from Aikey Brae in the Northeast to St Boswells in the Borders – this could form part of the exhibition. 3 MSPs were present.

22 November 2023: The AGM was followed by business which discussed accommodation issues including disparity around site upgrades, tenancy agreements and eviction. Further discussion was held regarding the Scottish Government/COSLA listening exercise. 3 MSPs were present.

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

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

David Torrance MSP [SNP]

John Mason [SNP]

Jakie Dunbar [SNP]

Maggie Chapman [Green]

Miles Briggs [Conservative]

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### **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.

Scottish Government

COSLA

NHS Lanarkshire

NHS Fife

Progress in Dialogue

Police Scotland

SDS (Skills Development Scotland)

Article 12

Public Health Scotland

STEP

MECOPP

AyeRight

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### **Individuals**

Rosanna McPhee

Iain Shamus McPhee

Jaqueline McCallum

Virginia Francis

Tommy Bennett

<b>Organisations</b>	-
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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>	David Torrance MSP
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<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Maggie Chapman MSP
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<b>Secretary</b>	Lynne Tammi - AyeRight
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<b>Treasurer</b>	-
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**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.

None.

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