

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

### Name of Cross-Party Group

### Cross-Party Group on Social Enterprise

**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.)

26 October 2021

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

21 November 2023

### Date Annual Return Submitted

18 December 2023

**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]

8 December 2022 (delayed due to MSP Convener illness).

*Please bear in mind the context of this annual return.*

Our Convener stood down to become Scotland's Housing Minister. We have since been seeking additional MSP support for the group, which we now have, and hosted a meeting on 21 November 2023 to elect officer bearers. The original planned meeting on 21 June had to be postponed and then cancelled due to parliamentary business. The group is now re-established after this lengthy process.

## **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.

### **15/02/23 The Social Enterprise Census results**

The Social Enterprise Census is the big research project that measures the scale and scope of Scotland's social enterprise business community. The study usually takes place every two years but, due to the Covid lockdown period, the latest report has just recently been published. **2 MSPs and 27 booked delegates.**

### **21/11/23 Next steps, priorities and the Social Enterprise Action Plan**

The meeting is an opportunity to look at the policy priorities of the group for the next year, particularly within a new, emerging policy context. The support for social enterprise support and development has now moved from the third sector unit within The Scottish Government to the mainstream wellbeing economy team. We also have the current consultation on Scotland's Social Enterprise Action Plan 2021 - 2024 and what comes next in Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy 2016-2026 - as well as the wider policy agenda of economic transformation, fair work, community wealth building and purposeful business - and how this all fits into a new wellbeing economy. **2 MSPs and 47 booked delegates.**

## **MSP Members of The Group**

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

John Swinney (SNP)

Ariane Burgess (Scottish Greens)

Michelle Thomson (SNP)

Rhoda Grant (Scottish Labour)  
Rachael Hamilton (Scottish Conservatives)

### **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>	
<b>Organisations</b>	Social Enterprise Scotland – secretary Social Enterprise Academy Firstport Impact Hub Inverness (serving the Highlands and Islands) Social Investment Scotland Link Group Ltd Hey Girls Locavore Edinburgh Remakery The Larder Homes for Good Invisible Cities Talking Mats

### **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>	John Swinney MSP
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<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Ariane Burgess MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Social Enterprise Scotland
<b>Treasurer</b>	Social Enterprise Scotland
<p><b>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>	
<p>Secretariat support and catering costs, paid for by Social Enterprise Scotland. We estimate that total annual catering is around £800-£1000 and the total annual cost of Social Enterprise Scotland staff time will be around £1680 (estimate of 6 days a year based on calculated day rate).</p>	
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