

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

**Name of Cross-Party Group**

**Cross-Party Group on Islands**

**Date Group Established**

14 December 2022

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

05 February 2024

**Date Annual Return Submitted**

21/2/2024

**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]

11 January 2023

### **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.

#### **Meeting 1 –**

11 January 2023, AGM and Focus on Islands Decarbonisation  
Presentations from Dr Zoe Laird, Highlands & Islands Enterprise and Gareth Davies, Reflex Orkney followed by discussion (9 MSPs, 26 non-MSP participants)

#### **Meeting 2 –**

19 April 2023, Focus on Ferries

Presentations from Joe Reade, Chair of Mull & Iona Ferry Committee and Owner of Island Bakery Organics and Kenny Macleod, Chairman of Harris Development Limited followed by discussion (5 MSPs, 18 non-MSP participants)

**Meeting 3 –**

28 June 2023, Focus on Ferries

Presentation by Robbie Drummond, CE of Calmac Ferries Ltd followed by discussion (7 MSPs, 48 non-MSP participants)

**Meeting 4 –**

05 February 2024, Annual General Meeting

(8 MSPs, 8 non-MSP participants)

**MSP Members of The Group**

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

Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP – Conservative and Unionist

Beatrice Wishart MSP – Liberal Democrat

Alasdair Allan MSP – SNP

Ariane Burgess MSP – Scottish Green

Edward Mountain MSP - Conservative and Unionist

Rhoda Grant MSP – Labour

Finlay Carson MSP - Conservative and Unionist

Liam McArthur MSP – Liberal Democrat

Graham Simpson MSP - Conservative and Unionist

**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**

Kenny Macleod

Ida Holmstrom

	<p>Ian MacFarlane  Donnie MacInnes  Murdo MacLean  Eoin MacNeil  Joanna Peteranna  Gail Robertson  Neil McCrirrick  Naomi Bremner  Tracy Mayo  Alana Macinnes  Marie Campbell</p>
<p><b>Organisations</b></p>	<p>Argyll &amp; Bute Council  Argyll &amp; Bute HSCP  Arran Community Council  Arran CVS  Arran Development Trust  Bòrd na Gàidhlig  Breasclete Community Council  Caledonian Maritime Assets LTD  Calmac Ferries LTD  Coll Community Council  Comhairle nan Eilean Siar  Creative Scotland  Development Trusts Association Scotland  EMEC  European Rural Community Alliance  Ferries Community Board  Harris Voluntary Service  HIE  Highland Council  Hitrans  Islay Community Council  Isle of Luing Community Trust</p>

	<p>James Hutton ;Institute  Mull &amp; Iona Community Trust  Mull &amp; Iona Ferry Committee  NFUS  North Yell Development Council  Orkney Islands Council  Raasay Development Trust  Reflex Orkney  Rousay Egilsay &amp; Wyre Development Trust  RSPB  Scottish Islands Federation  Scottish Rural Action  Scottish Rural &amp; Islands Transport Community  Scottish Women’s Convention  Shetland Fishermen’s Association  Shetland Islands Council  SRUC  Taste of Arran  UHI  Ullapool Harbour  University of Aberdeen  Visit Arran  Visit Scotland</p>
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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.

<p><b>Convener</b></p>	<p>Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP</p>
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<b>Deputy Conveners</b>	Beatrice Wishart MSP Alasdair Allan MSP
<b>Secretariat</b>	Artemis Pana, Scottish Rural Action Kirsty MacColl, Scottish Islands Federation
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP

### 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.**

Secretariat support from Scottish Rural Action (a registered charity and company ltd by guarantee) and the Scottish Islands Federation (a registered company ltd by guarantee) calculated at £1,476 per annum provided in kind as staff time.

### 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	
Date	21/2/23