

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

**3rd Meeting 2021 (Session 6), Thursday
27 January 2022**

Cross-Party Group Applications

Introduction

1. In accordance with the provisions on Cross-Party Groups (CPGs) set out in section 6 of the Code of Conduct (the Code), proposals for the establishment of CPGs in the Scottish Parliament must be submitted to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (the Committee) for its approval.
2. There are four proposed Groups for the Committee's consideration.

Proposed CPG on Islands

3. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe A to this note.

Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

4. Paragraph 18 of Section 6 of the Code states "...one of the proposed Group's MSP office bearers (usually the Convener) will be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee to explain the justification for the proposed Group." Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

Purpose

5. Paragraph 19 Section 6 of the Code states "the Committee will pay particular attention to a proposed Group's purpose. If the Committee considers that a proposed Group is not in the public interest but is intended, for example, to further particular commercial interests, the proposed Group will not be accorded recognition. The Committee will also consider whether the purpose of a proposed Group overlaps the remit of an existing Group. If there is any overlap proposed Groups are asked to provide justification as to why their aims could not effectively be achieved within an existing Group".
6. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

- To provide a forum for the discussion of issues relevant to Scotland’s islands and the residents of island communities, and to improve links between the Scottish Parliament and island communities.

7. Whilst the proposed Group considers there may be some overlap across a range of areas, it seeks to consider these issues from a distinctly island-focused perspective, as well as taking a more broader view of how these individual issues are addressed within the context of island communities.

Membership

8. Paragraph 8 of Section 6 of the Code requires group membership to include at least five MSPs, with at least one MSP from each of the parties or groups represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The Committee has previously agreed that there should be a general waiver of this Rule in the current Session and Groups are now required to have five MSPs from the majority of parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The proposed Group meets this requirement.

9. The MSP membership (by party) of the proposed Group is as follows—

- Five Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- One Scottish Green Party
- One Scottish Labour Party
- Two Scottish Liberal Democrat Party
- Three Scottish National Party

10. Paragraph 9 of Section 6 of the Code entitles groups to contain members from outwith the Parliament. The proposed Group has listed no non-MSP members in the individual category and none in non-MSP member organisations, however, at the initial meeting, the proposed Group agreed a list of organisations that will be invited to join the Group should it be approved.

Office Bearers

11. Paragraph 10 of Section 6 of the Code requires one MSP to be Convener of the Group and there to be at least one other MSP office bearer. The proposed Group meets this requirement: Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP is the Convener of the proposed Group and Jenni Minto MSP is the Deputy-Convener.

Financial Benefits and Subscription

12. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.

13. The registration form also indicates that members of the proposed Group will not be charged a subscription.

Proposed CPG on Rugby Development in Scotland

14. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe B to this note.

Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

15. Douglas Lumsden MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

Purpose

16. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

- To build awareness of rugby development in Scotland, look at the challenges and innovations in rugby development and to highlight the great work that is being done by clubs and individuals throughout Scotland in the field of rugby development.

17. The proposed Group does not consider its remit overlaps with any other existing Group.

Membership

18. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows —

- Five Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- One Scottish Labour Party
- One Scottish Liberal Democrat Party
- One Scottish National Party.

19. The proposed Group has listed four non-MSP members in the individual category and two in non-MSP member organisations.

Office Bearers

20. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Douglas Lumsden MSP is the Convener of the proposed Group and Neil Gray MSP is the Deputy-Convener.

Financial Benefits and Subscription

21. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.

22. The form also indicates that members of the proposed Group will be not be charged a subscription.

Proposed CPG on Sustainable Transport

23. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe C to this note.

Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

24. Graham Simpson MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

Purpose

25. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

- To raise the profile of sustainable transport, with a particular focus on cross-modal issues, within the Scottish Parliament, and to promote policies and priorities relating to sustainable transport.

26. The proposed Group does not consider its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group.

Membership

27. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows —

- 3 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- 1 Scottish Green Party
- 1 Scottish Labour Party
- 1 Scottish National Party.

28. The proposed Group has listed no non-MSP members in the individual category and 26 in non-MSP member organisations.

Office Bearers

29. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Graham Simpson MSP is the Convener of the proposed Group and Sarah Boyack MSP, John Mason MSP and Mark Ruskell MSP are the Deputy-Conveners.

Financial Benefits and Subscription

30. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive no financial benefits.

31. The form also indicates that members of the proposed Group will be not be charged a subscription.

Proposed CPG on Sustainable Uplands Management

32. The registration form submitted by the proposed Group is attached at Annexe D to this note.

Consideration by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

33. Paul McLennan MSP has been invited to the meeting to discuss registration of the proposed Group.

34. The Code requires all Groups to provide 10 calendars days' notice of all meetings, the proposed Group held its initial meeting on 28 October 2021 but no notification of this meeting was given to the Standards clerks.

35. The Code also requires that all proposed Groups submit a registration form within 30 calendar days of the initial meeting, the proposed Group did not submit its registration for until 21 December 2021.

36. As the proposed Group breached two of the Rule in the Code of Conduct, the standards clerks advised the proposed Group to re-hold the initial meeting to ensure compliance with the Code. The Convener apologised for issues with communications and confirmed he would prefer to discuss this with the Committee.

Purpose

37. The stated purpose of the proposed Group is—

- To inform MSPs and bring people together to encourage evidence-based debate, co-operation and collaboration for positive solutions development on matters relating to sustainable upland management.

38. In relation to whether the proposed Group considers its purpose overlaps with any other existing Group the form states that—

“While we are aware of other CPGs (Rural Policy, Crofting, Animal Welfare and others) we believe there is a need for a specific CPG to be established that examines sustainable upland management due to its importance to rural communities and the rural economy as well as its vital role in tackling climate change and biodiversity loss”

Membership

39. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to MSP membership which is as follows —

- 4 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- 1 Scottish Labour Party
- 3 Scottish National Party.

40. The proposed Group has listed no non-MSP members in the individual category and 19 in non-MSP member organisations.

Office Bearers

41. The proposed Group meets the requirement in relation to office bearers: Alexander Burnett MSP and Paul McLennan MSP are the Co-Conveners of the proposed Group and Edward Mountain MSP is the Deputy-Convener.

Financial Benefits and Subscription

42. The registration form indicates that the proposed Group will receive an estimated financial benefit of £742.50. This estimate is based on staff costs in relation to the secretariat of the Group and catering costs when meetings return to being in person.

43. The form also indicates that members of the proposed Group will be not be charged a subscription.

Next Steps

44. At agenda item 2 the Committee is invited to discuss any aspects of the application for recognition of the proposed Cross-Party Groups on—

- Islands with Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP;
- Rugby Development in Scotland with Douglas Lumsden MSP;
- Sustainable Transport with Graham Simpson MSP; and

- Sustainable Uplands Management with Paul McLennan MSP.

45. At agenda item 3 the Committee will discuss whether to accord recognition to the proposed Groups.

Sam Currie
Support Manager
Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
January 2022

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

<p>Name of Cross-Party Group</p>
<p>Cross-Party Group on Islands</p>
<p>Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please state the purpose of the Group. 2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest. 3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established. 4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.
<p>1. The purpose of the cross-party group is to provide a forum for the discussion of issues relevant to Scotland's islands and the residents of island communities, and to improve links between the Scottish Parliament and island communities.</p> <p>2. The Scottish Government has recognised the unique situation of Scotland's islands, as communities with distinct needs and requiring different approaches to delivering public services. Through the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018, the Scottish Parliament also recognised that island differences and distinctions ought to be better recognised in legislation.</p> <p>The Group wishes to ensure not only that island representatives can discuss these issues together and with stakeholders, but that the Group can provide a forum for better mutual understanding of issues between island communities themselves and the Scottish Parliament.</p> <p>An All-Party Parliamentary Group for UK Islands currently exists within the UK Parliament.</p> <p>3. While recognising the distinct needs of island communities, there is likely to be some overlap across a range of areas. Below at point 4 we have outlined issues such as transport and depopulation. The former</p>

will – in part – necessarily affect all parts of Scotland, and the latter may impact some mainland remote and rural communities too.

However the Group seeks to consider these issues from a distinctly island-focused perspective, as well as taking a more broader view of how these individual issues are addressed within the context of island communities.

4. Issues raised at the initial meeting for future work included island transport (particularly ferries and air-links), energy (particularly offshore and remote island energy arrangements) and population (including depopulation, economy and jobs).

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)

Rhoda Grant MSP (Labour)

Jenni Minto MSP (SNP)

Donald Cameron MSP (Conservative and Unionist)

Finlay Carson MSP (Conservative and Unionist)

Graham Simpson MSP (Conservative and Unionist)

Alasdair Allan MSP (SNP)

Emma Roddick (SNP)

Ariane Burgess (Scottish Green)

Liam McArthur (Liberal Democrat)

Edward Mountain (Conservative and Unionist)

Beatrice Wishart (Liberal Democrat)

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	N/A
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Organisations	<p>None formally. List of invitees to join was agreed at initial meeting to be:</p> <p>Orkney Islands Council</p> <p>Shetland Islands Council</p> <p>The Highland Council</p> <p>Comhairle nan Eilean Siar</p> <p>Argyll and Bute Council</p> <p>North Ayrshire Council</p> <p>COSLA</p> <p>Crown Estate Scotland</p> <p>Bord Na Gaidhlig</p> <p>Creative Scotland</p> <p>Community Land Scotland</p> <p>Highlands and Islands Enterprise</p> <p>HISTRANS</p> <p>HIAL</p> <p>UHI</p> <p>Historic Environment Scotland</p> <p>Marine Scotland</p> <p>NHS Highland</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire and Arran</p> <p>NHS Orkney</p> <p>NHS Shetland</p> <p>NHS Western Isles</p> <p>VisitScotland</p> <p>Our Islands Our Future</p> <p>Scottish Islands Federation</p> <p>National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers</p> <p>Orkney Fisheries Association</p> <p>Orkney Partnership</p>
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	<p>OREF</p> <p>Seafood Shetland</p> <p>Shetland Arts Development Agency</p> <p>Shetland Fishermen's Association</p> <p>Shetland Partnership Board</p> <p>SPT</p> <p>Voluntary Action Shetland</p> <p>Development Trusts Association Scotland</p> <p>RSPB</p> <p>Outer Hebrides Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry</p> <p>Mid-Argyll Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Lochalsh and Skye Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Scottish Rural Action</p> <p>NFU Scotland</p> <p>Calmac</p> <p>CMAL</p> <p>Northlink</p> <p>Loganair</p> <p>BT Openreach</p>
<p>Group Office Bearers</p> <p>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>	
Convener	Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP
Vice Convener	Jenni Minto MSP
Secretary	David Gardiner, Office of Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP (Interim Secretary)

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 currently anticipated. Will be seeking an external organisation to provide secretariat support, but none currently indicated.

Subscription Charged by the Group

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.


Not applicable

Convener Contact Details

Name	Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP
Parliamentary address	M2.05, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP
Telephone number	0131 348 6140

Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Islands is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	 Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP
Date	16/12/2021

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Rugby Development in Scotland
<p>Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The purpose of the group is to “build awareness of rugby development in Scotland, look at the challenges and innovations in rugby development and to highlight the great work that is being done by clubs and individuals throughout Scotland in the field of rugby development.” 2. There are many aspects to rugby in Scotland that are developing, whether that is womens rugby, clan rugby, sport for mental health or looking at innovation to reduce injury. This is making the sport more inclusive and encouraging more people to get involved safely. This is in the public interest to highlight this important work, encourage more people to get involved in sport and to build the presence and positive influence of rugby in Scotland today. 3. There are no overlaps with any other CPGs currently in parliament. 4. The group plan to hear from representatives of Clan rugby on their initiatives to encourage those with learning difficulties and disabilities to play rugby, the increasing influence of women’s rugby in Scotland and the innovations that are taking place around safety in rugby. We also hope to hold a parliamentary reception when covid restrictions allow.
MSP Members of the Group
<p>Douglas Lumsden MSP Neil Gray MSP Michael Marra MSP Craig Hoy MSP Jeremey Balfour MSP Alexander Burnett MSP</p>

Finlay Carson MSP Liam McArthur MSP	
Non-MSP Members of the Group	
Individuals	Lachlan Bruce Euan Waddell Rob Byrne Isabelle Gabrovsky
Organisations	SRU School of hard knocks
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	Douglas Lumsden MSP
Deputy Convener	Neil Gray MSP
Secretary	SRU and Shona Haslam (staff)
Treasurer	None
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	
Subscription Charged by the Group Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.	

none	
Convener Contact Details	
Name	Douglas Lumsden MSP
Parliamentary address	The Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH99 1SP
Telephone number	0131 348 5967

Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on <SUBJECT> is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	Douglas Lumsden
Date	8/12/21

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

<p>Name of Cross-Party Group</p>
<p>Cross-Party Group on Sustainable Transport</p>
<p>Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please state the purpose of the Group. 2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest. 3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established. 4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.
<p>1. To raise the profile of sustainable transport, with a particular focus on cross-modal issues, within the Scottish Parliament, and to promote policies and priorities relating to sustainable transport.</p> <p>2. Transport is one of the most high-profile areas of public policy. It also forms a major component of Scottish Government expenditure. 'Sustainable Transport' is a long-established term in transport policy discussions, referring to the application of sustainable development principles to transport. This is an area of significant public policy concern, not least as transport makes up the single largest component of Scotland's climate change emissions.</p> <p>This CPG has been put in place to continue the work of the Session 5 CPG on Cycling, Walking & Buses and the Session 5 CPG on Rail. Walking, cycling, buses and railways are modes of transport that are promoted as part of sustainable transport, and so this new CPG will provide continuity from transport discussions held in these CPGs during Session 5 of the Parliament.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Group does not consider there to be any overlaps with any existing Cross-Party Groups. 4. The CPG will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct significant pieces of work with demonstrable impact.

- Develop an outline five-year work programme. This would include agreement on expected outputs from the group's work (e.g. the preparation of a report akin to those prepared by the Parliament's Committees).
- Concentrate on scrutinising the Scottish Government's 20% traffic reduction target, as introduced in its Climate Change Plan update of December 2020. This would be the focus in year 1 and potentially into year 2.

During the first year the group will focus on the following topics:

- traffic reduction policy, generally
- traffic demand management
- modal shift: walk, cycle, bus, rail
- freight & logistics

MSP Members of the Group

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

Graham Simpson MSP

Sarah Boyack MSP

Liam Kerr MSP

John Mason MSP

Mark Ruskell MSP

Brian Whittle MSP

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

N/A

Organisations

CalMac
Capital Rail Action Group
CPT Scotland
Cycle Law Scotland
Cycling Scotland

	Cycling UK in Scotland Edinburgh Bus Action Group Friends of the Far North Line GoBike Grand Union Trains Hitrans Levenmouth Rail Campaign Light Rail Transit Association LNER Midlothian Disability Access Panel Network Rail Scotland Paths for All Pedal on Parliament Rail Action Group, East of Scotland Railfuture Ramblers Scotland Scottish Association for Public Transport Spokes Stagecoach Transform Scotland Women's Cycle Forum Scotland
<p>Group Office Bearers</p> <p>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>	
Convener	Graham Simpson MSP
Deputy Convener	Sarah Boyack MSP John Mason MSP Mark Ruskell MSP

Secretary	Transform Scotland
Treasurer	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	
Subscription Charged by the Group	
Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.	
N/A	
Convener Contact Details	
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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Sustainable Transport is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	<i>Graham Simpson MSP</i>
Date	08/12/2021

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

<p>Name of Cross-Party Group</p>
<p>Cross-Party Group on Sustainable Upland Management</p>
<p>Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please state the purpose of the Group. 2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest. 3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established. 4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The purpose of the Group is to inform MSPs and bring people together to encourage evidence-based debate, co-operation and collaboration for positive solutions development on matters relating to sustainable upland management. 2. The Group will seek to explore the role of sustainable upland management in meeting the emergencies of climate change and biodiversity as well as its contribution to a vibrant rural economy. All of these reasons are very much in the public interest. 3. While we are aware of other CPGs (Rural Policy, Crofting, Animal Welfare and others) we believe there is a need for a specific CPG to be established that examines sustainable upland management due to its importance to rural communities and the rural economy as well as its vital role in tackling climate change and biodiversity loss. 4. The co-conveners are due to meet in early January 2022 to finalise proposed meeting topics with the intent to hold meetings every three months. Key themes were raised during the first meeting on October 28 2021 and potential topics include biodiversity/the nature crisis, grouse moor management, deer management and the just transition.

The next meeting is likely to be virtual but the Group do hope that some future meetings may take place at the Scottish Parliament if conditions allow.

MSP Members of the Group

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

Paul McLennan (Scottish National Party), Alexander Burnett (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party), Edward Mountain (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party), Finlay Carson (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party), Jenni Minto (Scottish National Party), Brian Whittle (Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party), Mercedes Villalba (Scottish Labour), Jim Fairlie (Scottish National 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	Scottish Land & Estates (SLE) Heather Trust British Trust for Ornithology Cairngorms National Park Authority Scotland's Moorland Forum Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Scottish Gamekeepers Association Woodland Trust John Muir Trust Scottish Crofting Federation Scottish Wildlife Trust Community Land Scotland NatureScot Southern Uplands Partnership Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere

	Scottish Countryside Alliance Centre for Mountain Studies National Sheep Association Scottish Raptor Study Group
<p>Group Office Bearers</p> <p>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>	
Convener	Paul McLennan MSP and Alexander Burnett MSP
Deputy Convener	Edward Mountain MSP
Secretary	SLE
Treasurer	SLE
<p>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>Based on four meetings a year:</p> <p>Estimated staff costs for secretariat-related tasks is £682.5 (four days).</p> <p>Potential refreshment costs on return of face-to-face meetings at the Scottish Parliament is £60.</p> <p>Total estimated financial contribution is £742.5</p>	
<p>Subscription Charged by the Group</p>	

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.	
None	
Convener Contact Details	
Name	Paul McLennan MSP and Alexander Burnett MSP
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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Sustainable Upland Management is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	Paul McLennan
Date	21/12/2021