

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

1st Meeting 2023 (Session 6), Thursday 19 January 2023

Cross-Party Group Application

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 is one proposed Group for the Committee's consideration.

Proposed CPG on Space

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." Colin Beattie 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 —

- To raise awareness of the importance of the space sector to the Scottish and wider UK economy. To highlight and promote the growing benefits and opportunities arising from Scottish, UK and global investment in space including its pivotal role as a force for good in the global challenge to address climate change. And to encourage, support and strengthen Scotland’s leading role within the global space economy.
- To provide opportunities to allow Members of the Scottish Parliament to learn and understands more about the Space Industry in Scotland and how this feeds into the wider economy in both Scotland and UK.

Membership

7. 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.

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

- Colin Beattie MSP (Scottish National Party)
- Siobhan Brown (Scottish National Party)
- Jamie Halcro-Johnston (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
- Beatrice Wishart (Scottish Liberal Democrat Party)
- Carol Mochan (Scottish Labour Party)
- Paul Sweeney (Scottish Labour Party)

9. Paragraph 9 of Section 6 of the Code entitles groups to contain members from out with the Parliament. The proposed Group has listed a number of non-MSP members in the individual category and in the non-MSP member organisations.

Office Bearers

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: Colin Beattie MSP is the proposed Convener and Jamie Halcro-Johnston MSP, Carol Mochan MSP and Beatrice Wishart MSP are the proposed Deputy-Conveners of this group.

Financial Benefits and Subscription

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

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

Next Steps

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

- Space with Colin Beattie MSP

13. At agenda item 3 the Committee will discuss whether to accord recognition to the proposed Group.

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Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
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Cross-Party Group Registration Form

<p>Name of Cross-Party Group</p>
<p>Cross-Party Group on Space</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. Purpose: "To raise awareness of the importance of the space sector to the Scottish and wider UK economy. To highlight and promote the growing benefits and opportunities arising from Scottish, UK and global investment in space including its pivotal role as a force for good in the global challenge to address climate change. And to encourage, support and strengthen Scotland's leading role within the global space economy." 2. To provide opportunities to allow Members of the Scottish Parliament to learn and understands more about the Space Industry in Scotland and how this feeds into the wider economy in both Scotland and UK. 3. Very little overlap with CPG Aviation but this CPG's main focus is on Space solely. 4. The CPG will focus on Space policy, skills, workforce, economy and supply chain in the Space industry.
<p>MSP Members of the Group</p> <p>Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.</p>

Colin Beattie MSP (SNP) Siobhan Brown (SNP) Jamie Halcro-Johnston (CON) Beatrice Wishart (LIB DEM) Carol Mochan (LAB) Paul Sweeney (LAB)	
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	Carol Dew
Organisations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shetland Space Centre 2. NMIS, 3. University of Strathclyde 4. Global Surface Intelligence 5. The Higgs Centre, STFC 6. AAC Clyde Space 7. Department for International Trade UK Govt. 8. AstroAgency 9. Highlands and Islands Enterprise 10. University of Edinburgh 11. D-CAT 12. Lockheed Martin UK Space 13. UKSpace 14. HyImpulse UK Ltd 15. Orbex 16. Thales Glasgow 17. Airbus 18. The Aerospace Corporation UK Ltd 19. Spire Global UK 20. Celestia

	21. ADS Scotland
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
Deputy Conveners	Jamie Halcro-Johnston Carol Mochan Beatrice Wishart
Secretary	ADS – Warrick Malcolm
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	
Name	Colin Beattie
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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Space is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	Colin Beattie
Date	12/12/2022