

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ON SMALL SHOPS 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

1. GROUP MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICE HOLDERS

Chair: Vicki Howells MS

Members:

Vikki Howells MS, Russell George MS, Sioned Williams MS, Janet Finch-Saunders MS, Mark Isherwood MS, Tom Giffard MS, Llyr Gruffydd MS, Samuel Kurtz MS, James Evan MS.

2. PREVIOUS GROUP MEETINGS SINCE LAST AGM

Meeting 1 (Virtual): Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) in Wales

Date: 12th July 2023

Name	Organisation	Minutes
Edward Woodall	ACS	EW
Daniel Askew	ACS	DA
Willem Van De Ven	ACS	WV
Julie James	Minister for Climate Change	JJ
Rhys Thomas	MS Support Staff for Sam Rowlands	RT
Tom Perry	MS Support Staff for Tom Giffard	TP
Vince Tenby	Tenby Stores	VT
Ruth Buckley-Salmon	National Federation Sub-Postmasters	RBS
Robin Lewis	MS Support Staff for Vikki Howells	RL
Vikki Howells	MS for Cynon Valley	VH
Howard Davies	Welsh Government	HD
John Halliday	British Independent Retailers Association	JH
Gwen Patterson	Federation of Independent Retailers	GP
Philip Fenton	British Glass	PF
Laura McCormack	Booksellers Association	LC
Arianne Fleming	British Glass	AF

Rosina Robson	NHBF	RR
Eleanor O'Brien	British Glass	EB
Benjamin Sullivan	Private Secretary to the Minister for Climate Change	BS
Sarah Horner	Welsh Government	SH
Seonag MacKinnon	Federation of Independent Retailers	SM
Ioan Bellin	MS Support Staff for Rhys ab Owen	IB
Russell George	MS for Montgomeryshire	RG

Summary of issues discussed:

Ed Woodall, ACS (Association of Convenience Stores) Government Relations Director, provided an overview of DRS in Wales, how this would work for local shops and what key challenges the Welsh Government need to consider in its implementation.

Julie James, Minister for Climate Change, outlined the Welsh Government's plans for DRS to the group and took questions from the group.

3. PROFESSIONAL LOBBYISTS, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND CHARITIES WITH WHOM THE GROUP HAS MET DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR

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Federation House
17 Farnborough Street
Farnborough
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4. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

11/12/2023

Cross Party Group on Small Shops

Chair: Vikki Howells MS

Secretary: Daniel Askew, Association of Convenience Stores

Group's Expenses.	None.	£0.00
Costs of all goods.	No goods purchased.	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies.	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any secretariat or other support.	No financial support received.	£0.00
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality.		
Virtual meetings hosted by Association of Convenience Stores' Teams account.		
Date	Description and name of provider	Cost
Total cost		£0