Overview of Scottish Local Authority Action on Climate Change

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The network of sustainable development lead officers and advocates in Scotland’s 32 local authorities.

SD Performance Improvement Framework

1. Leadership
2. Legislation
3. Culture Change
4. Support Programmes
5. Scrutiny
6. Resources
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Members from Scotland’s 32 Local Authorities – sustainable development lead officers and advocates from a range of services

Programme priorities:

- **Best Value / Single Outcome Agreements**
- **Climate Change**
- **Local Footprints** (carbon and ecological footprinting)
- **Procurement** for Sustainability

Local authorities working together for a sustainable Scotland  www.sustainable-scotland.net
Local Authority capacity building:

- National networking and collaboration
- Monthly Newsletter
- Quarterly Network Meetings
- Annual Conference
- Website: www.sustainable-scotland.net
- Network briefings
- Training

SSN Team based in Keep Scotland Beautiful
Launched in 2007

Local leadership on climate change mitigation, adaptation, partnership working and reporting.

SCCD Reports online at www.sustainable-scotland.net/climatechange

2009 Reports
Climate Change Legislation

- **42% by 2020 : 80% by 2050**

- **Part 4 – public sector duties, including responsibility to contribute sustainably to mitigation and adaptation plans**

- **Part 6 – public engagement plan**

- **Delivery Plan**
Consistent Approach with Support Programmes

- **Local authority ‘corporate’ emissions**
  Carbon Trust LACMP / CRC
  All local authorities

- **Local area/community-wide emissions**
  Local Footprints Programme, links to NAEI
  16 REAP licenses … LFP 2010 strategy

- **Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts**
  Local Climate Impacts Profiles and SCCIP support
  4 pilot councils / 6 phase two councils
COSLA Climate Change Task Group

COSLA Officer Support Group
(with SSN, SOLACE, Scottish Government, IS, transport, finance, waste, economic development, planning, energy…)

Priorities:
• Scotland’s Climate Change Declaration
• SOAs, Best Value, Community Planning
• Climate Change (Scotland) Act
• Carbon Reduction Commitment
• Consistent and coordinated approaches
• Capacity building
Scrutiny

Sustainability audit framework

- Vision and strategic direction
- Partnership Working & Community
- Governance and accountability
- Use of Resources
- Performance Management and Improvement

Are sustainability issues embedded in the organisation’s vision and strategic direction?

Does the organisation promote sustainability effectively through its partnership working?

Are sustainability issues integrated into governance arrangements?

Does the organisation use its resources in a way that contributes to sustainable development?

Can the organisation demonstrate its contribution towards sustainable development?

Extent to which organizational commitment to sustainability is reflected in vision & priorities

Extent to which sustainability is reflected in the vision & priorities of partners

Extent to which the organisation promotes the sustainability among its stakeholders

Extent to which sustainability issues are integrated into decision-making processes

Extent to which the organisation is improving the sustainability of its physical assets

Extent to which sustainability indicators feature in the organisation’s performance management framework

Range of qualitative and quantitative measures / indicators used to demonstrate impact

End to which partners are reducing waste and increasing recycling

End to which the council and its partners are reducing waste and increasing recycling

End to which sustainability information on its contribution to sustainability

End to which sustainability issues are integrated into decision-making processes

End to which the organisation is increasing the sustainability of the goods and services it buys

End to which the organisation is reducing its carbon footprint

End to which the organisation is improving the sustainability of the goods and services it buys

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BV2 pilots

Climate Change (Scotland) Act?
Resources

ACCOUNTING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
YOUR COUNCIL, FINANCE & PROCUREMENT
SSN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2006
12TH - 14TH NOVEMBER
OUR DYNAMIC EARTH, EDINBURGH

SPEAKERS INCLUDE
John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Sustainable Growth
Professor Tim Jackson, University of Surrey, Sustainable Development Commission
Martin Quinn, Commissioner, Scottish Government

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH & THE AGENDA FOR SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

SSN CONFERENCE 2009
29TH OCTOBER, OUR DYNAMIC EARTH, EDINBURGH

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