

SSN Strategy Launch

Wednesday 16th September 2020, 14:00 - 15:20

We are excited to announce the launch of SSN’s new strategy which sets the vision, aims and themes for supporting member action under three key programmes:

- Collaborating to help create **Net Zero Places**
- Influencing towards **Net Zero Indirect Emissions**
- Networking to achieve **Net Zero Public Sector Organisations**.

Each programme will engage members and leaders in understanding the priority challenges and co-designing resources to facilitate public sector action on the climate emergency while supporting a resilient recovery from the global COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of a full agenda The Scottish Government will provide an update on the latest climate policy developments including the recently announced [Programme for Government](#) and green recovery plans. Members will also hear about progress on climate leadership initiatives including the Climate Emergency Response Group. Highland Council will share learning from efforts to align functions and service delivery with national climate targets and Glasgow City Council will whet appetites for the countdown to COP26 taking place 1-12 November 2021.

Agenda

14:00	Welcome	Dave Reay, Professor of Carbon Management & Education, Executive Director ECCI Policy Director of ClimateXChange
14:05	Climate change policy developments and green recovery	Sarah Hart, Head of Global Climate Emergency Response Unit, The Scottish Government
14:20	SSN Strategy overview	George Tarvit, SSN Director, ECCI/University of Edinburgh
14:30	Public Sector Climate Leadership	Kathryn Dapre, Head of Energy and Sustainability, NHS National Services Scotland, SSN Steering Group Chair
14:40	Route to Net Zero - The Highland Council	Keith Masson, Climate Change Officer, The Highland Council
14:55	Countdown to COP26	Dr Duncan Booker, COP26 Stakeholder Manager, Glasgow City Council, SSN Steering Group Member
15.10	Next steps	George Tarvit
15:15	Thank you and closing remarks	Dave Reay

Speaker Biographies

Sarah Hart, Head of Global Climate Emergency Response Unit, The Scottish Government

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Kathryn Dapr , Head of Energy and Sustainability, NHS National Services Scotland.

Kathryn’s team provides professional support to NHS Scotland boards, Scottish Government and other stakeholders in relation to all aspects of climate change resilience, energy management and sustainability. Kathryn has been involved in sustainability and climate change work for over 20 years. Following a period in energy consultancy working with public and private sector clients, she joined the NHS in 2012. She has overseen implementation of the first Energy Performance Contracts within the Scottish public sector estate and more recently, has overseen development of the NHS Sustainability Action campaign to encourage sustainability behaviour change across the service. Kathryn is now leading the development of a new NHS Scotland Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy which includes commitments to achieve a ‘net-zero service’ by 2045.



Keith Masson, Climate Change Officer, Highland Council

Keith has been working to help decarbonise both the Council and wider Highland region for over 7 years. Of specific interest to Keith is how we can use the response to the COVID-19 pandemic to develop a more place-based, partnership approach to both climate change mitigation and adaptation, whilst recognising the hugely significant role that Highland will play in helping Scotland to meet its 2045 net zero ambitions.



Dr. Duncan Booker, COP26 Stakeholder Manager, Glasgow City Council

Duncan has worked on policy development on a range of areas within local government for over twenty years. He drafted the Council’s report and recommendations on the climate emergency in 2019, which led to the city committing to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Duncan is currently working on arrangements for Glasgow welcoming the world to COP26 in November 2021. He is a graduate of the universities of Oxford and Glasgow.

