

The third Local Authority Forum (LAF) was attended by around 50 delegates from Scotland's Local Authorities.

This month, the forum welcomed representatives from the Scottish Government who gave a presentation and Q+A on the Climate Change Plan Update (CCPu).

LAF meetings will allow the SSN to work with members to outline how the CCPu aligns with and supports the Network's three strategic themes of NZ organisations, NZ indirect emissions, and NZ places.

The SSN Secretariat shared their initial plans on producing a 'Manual' which will support members as they work towards net zero targets.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Scottish Government Climate Change Plan Update:

- » David Mallon, Head of Climate Change Policy and Implementation Unit
- » Greg Symons, Team Leader, CC Plan

Updates:

- » COSLA
- » SSN Steering Group
- » COP26 Opportunities
- » Leadership groups
- » Secretariat update

Member discussion topics:

- » Challenges for net zero planning
- » Reporting on remote/homeworking emissions

Key member questions, discussions and comments

- Scottish Government and UK Government taxation system to support a better use of resources. The [Treasury's Net Zero Review: Interim Report](#) shares a flavour of UK Government views on this and other key issues.
- West Dunbartonshire Council provided an overview of their new [Climate Change Strategy](#).
- Embedding responsibilities into services across the LA by using KPIs and Risk Registers.
- COP26 - North Lanarkshire Council has reconvened its working group for pre-cop events within the authority.
- Climate Change Plan update.
- Emissions from peatland to the national inventory.
- Funding for projects that decarbonise heat in non-domestic buildings and require a need for innovation elements.
- Working from home costs, energy efficiency and reporting.
- Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin (REGO).

Topics for future discussions

- **Low carbon housing** - Opportunities to supplement grant subsidy levels with low carbon funding for new affordable housing to ensure LAs are leading by example to deliver low carbon housing.
- **Carbon budgets/accounting** - e.g. Aberdeenshire Council.
- **South Ayrshire Council** - Regional Climate Action Planning and role of Community Planning Partnerships.

Useful links

- [West Dunbartonshire Council - Climate Change Strategy](#)
- [Historic Environment Scotland - Carbon Management Plan](#)
- [Treasury's Net Zero Review: Interim Report](#)
- [Climate Change Plan Update - Scottish Government presentation](#)
- [Scottish Government Climate Change Plan Update](#)

Next Forum:

18 February 2021

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