

## LOCAL AUTHORITY FORUM 7th October 2021, 14:00 – 16:00

### Place Based Approaches & Climate Change *'Turning Ambition into Action'*

**CHAIR: Claudia Cowie, Aberdeenshire Council**

### Introduction

John Wincott, new Chair of the SSN Steering Group introduced himself to the forum. Recent letter from John to the SSN can be found [here](#).

**Presentations:** Clare Wharmby, an introduction and overview to Place based Emissions – [view presentation](#)

Kelly Wiltshire (Nestrans): Climate Ready Aberdeenshire – [view presentation](#)

Lorna Jarvie (South Ayrshire Council): A regional Approach – [view presentation](#)

### Strategic Updates from COSLA

SSN (Place Standard Tool through a carbon lens)

Improvement Service (Community Planning Improvement Board)

The majority of local authorities in attendance have started working on Area Wide Emissions and were establishing a partnership to drive the work forward as demonstrated in the first [miro](#) exercise.

### Discussion

The second half of the meeting focussed on the capacity needs to address Area Based emissions. Consistent guidance and methodologies, tools to improve public sector action and training and skills required are at the core of the SSN Strategy. This session used [Miro](#) to capture views on requirements and how SSN/Improvement Service and CoSLA could assist practitioners.

### Building Capacity



Suggestions included a central repository for data sources, clarity around how to demonstrate alignment of spend with net zero ambition, a standardised Scottish approach for developing strategies and action plans and training on Scope 3 emissions.

There were requests for guidance and sharing good practice and ensuring consistency in the use of tools as well as training opportunities (e.g. on C budgeting and tailored for elected members).

The Climate League [Assessment](#) of Council Climate Action Plans for all UK councils was discussed.

The next LA Forum meeting will take place in January 2022 (date tbc).