



# LOCAL AUTHORITY FORUM

## LAND, SEQUESTRATION AND CLIMATE ACTION

**25 August 10 – 12 noon**

**CHAIR:** John Wincott, Fife College and Ross Spalding, Fife Council

### STRATEGIC UPDATES

#### **COSLA**

**Silke Isbrand ([silke.isbrand@cosla.gov.uk](mailto:silke.isbrand@cosla.gov.uk)).**

COSLA updated on the new administration in place with leaders to receive a report on climate change to introduce to the agenda at end August. New Environment and Economy Board, Councillor Gail Macgregor first meeting October. Providing verbal evidence to Net Zero Committee Inquiry 20th Sept with SOLACE and responding in writing. Working on key messages and keen to have comments and observations from members of the SSN LA forum [silke.isbrand@cosla.gov.uk](mailto:silke.isbrand@cosla.gov.uk)

#### **SOLACE**

[SOLACE Conference](#) will have a climate change session organised jointly with SSN.

Leadership checklist being developed and reviewed. Providing evidence at Net Zero Committee.

#### **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT**

The full Scottish Government update can be found [here](#).

## SSN UPDATE

### George Tarvit ([george.tarvit@ed.ac.uk](mailto:george.tarvit@ed.ac.uk))

**PBCCD Reporting** - template and guidance published on website. Analysis ToR being scoped – will be enhanced this year to look at new requirements re targets and resource alignment, adaptation and procurement. Also considering re-introduction of high-level feedback, subject to team capacity. Welcome members' thoughts on peer-review/collaborative learning options.

**SSN Manual** - Content being added progressively – welcome feedback [and also any offers of contributions](#).

- Funding map from SG [just added](#). Leadership Checklist Maturity matrix for leaders. SOLACE Conference target date of 16th September for publication.
- Procurement toolkit of tools – in draft, pulling together range of tools that can be used with contractors/SMEs; also dialogue open with CO2A – please send intel to SSN team.
- Capital Projects/Infrastructure - Lewis Barlow revising guidance (take account of review of PAS2080 on construction?)

Climate Insights Service work on area-based tools, capacity, data – from ECCI Carbon Scenario Tool report Leadership SOLACE Conference plenary session on 16th Sept - working with Craig Hatton on design of the session. Exploring revised leadership structures – aligned with SSN Steering Group. Key messages work with Steering Group/SOLACE/COSLA.

### Policy/Scrutiny

- Audit Scotland report on LAs due on 8th Sept, keen to engage with SSN members on what the insight/recommendations in report mean, feed into broader discussions/NZ Cttee evidence on Key Messages and how to increase capacity/support/action?.
- Climate Emergency Response Group report also in Sept (Parliamentary Reception on 27th Sept GT attending).

Sorry to see Angela Davidson leave SSN team start of Sept. but big thanks for all her work and good luck in her new role!

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## IS UPDATE

### Judi Kilgallon ([judi.kilgallon@improvementservice.org.uk](mailto:judi.kilgallon@improvementservice.org.uk))

Benefitting from formal partnership with SSN. Ongoing work to network the different professional networks. Data Session with IS and SSN, 10-1130am 20th Sept - workshop will involve feedback on the Public Bodies Climate Change Duties reporting data and provide an opportunity to share practice and learning about the variations in progress and approach with an in depth look at key areas. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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## **LAND, SEQUESTRATION AND CLIMATE ACTION**

Dr Clive Mitchell and Brendan Turvey gave a presentation on soil, nature and climate and NatureScot's work in this area.

- [Link to slides](#)

Mark Williams demonstrated Scottish Water's work in this area then officers from across the network updated on their projects.

There was an active discussion in the chat and through Q&A with appetite for future support, particularly around finance. This will be raised with the Steering Group and taken into consideration for future work planning.

### **A.O.B**

**Climate Change Impact Assessment (CCIA) Working Group** – led by Sam Ibbott (East Ren) – working group to produce guidance document covering how to develop a CCIA framework, template and how to assess. Contact [judi.kilgallon@improvementservice.org.uk](mailto:judi.kilgallon@improvementservice.org.uk)

**Engagement Working Group – led by Hanna Lundstrom (East Lothian)** Please see summary of event held on public engagement in: [Public Engagement Event \(1\).pdf](#) ([sustainable-scotland-network.org](https://sustainable-scotland-network.org)) and Q&A [Public Engagement Q&A.pdf](#) ([sustainable-scotland-network.org](https://sustainable-scotland-network.org)) and [feedback form](#). Future session being planned focusing on behaviour change for end Sept/early Oct.

**The next LA Forum will take place on 24th November 2022** - meeting topic TBC

### **USEFUL EVENT / INFORMATION SHARED**

- Climate Emergency UK update <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wi-MiPwe6ks>
- **Toolkits - The Carbon Literacy Project**
- Hagshaw Energy Cluster <https://www.thehagshawenergycluster.co.uk/>
- Green Roof <http://www.sgif.org.uk/index.php/green-infrastructure/green-roofs>