



LOCAL AUTHORITY FORUM

PROCUREMENT

12 May 10 – 12 noon

CHAIR: Sarah Farrell, Dumfries & Galloway Council

STRATEGIC UPDATES

COSLA

Silke Isbrand (silke.isbrand@cosla.gov.uk).

Last elected members Board in April 2022 prior to elections. COSLA's position on Just Transition to NZ agreed. Thank you for all your comments and input to this. NZ Committee Inquiry meeting postponed to summer 2022. New challenges & new tools also raised: carbon biodiversity synergies, adaptation equally as important as mitigation. A Just Transition is key element of process but much harder to address. New tools – risk associated with new approaches need to be supported at senior level (e.g. land value uplift). Price rises currently and impact of inflation rates and impact on current projects.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Fergus Boden (Fergus.Boden@gov.scot)

Public engagement event (28 April 2022) with follow up actions to follow. [Climate Change Adaption independent progress report](#) by CCC: more to be done but a lot of positive comments as well as a lot to learn from local level action. On the ground examples highlighted: Edinburgh (Green Blue infrastructure), Glasgow (Climate Adaptation Strategy & Plan) and the Outer Hebrides (Community Planning Partnerships Risk Assessment)

Consultations:

Developing the UK emissions trading scheme(UK ETS) currently out to [consultation](#).

Recent /expected publications:

Annual PBCCD Analysis report published May 2022 ([link](#))

Monitoring reports on the delivery of the Climate Change Plan & Adaptation Programme expected in June 2022.

Louise Cameron: Sustainable Procurement Policy officer (louise.cameron3@gov.scot)

Climate & Procurement Forum. Guidance has been prepared for Qusetion 4C7 of the single procurement document to assist buyers, including standardised statements and templates, examples and guidance on evaluation. See [Procurement Journey](#) and Additional Resources [Tab](#).

Currently updating Scottish Procurement Policy note 1/2021 climate & circular economy considerations in public procurement (to include updates on adaptation and climate literacy e-learning.

Refreshed climate change guidance documents which align with the procurement journey and contain an annex on example procurement clauses and KPIs that relate to climate subjects.

New Resources – sustainable procurement tools: New case study section sharing best practice from Scottish public sector.

James Goodall, Transport Scotland, Low Carbon Economy Directorate (james.goodall@transport.gov.scot)

Bus Decarbonisation Task Force [link](#) (see 17 March 2022 meeting note). Issue re small & medium size bus companies (mostly involved in 'supported services'). Please contact James with ideas.

SSN UPDATE

George Tarvit (george.tarvit@ed.ac.uk)

SSN Funding in place for 2022/23. Thank you to all. Deliverables now in place to deliver on the Scottish Government grant.

Reporting: Analysis report (including adaptation) [published](#), focus on reporting in conference to improve delivery and action. Guidance is currently being updated in light of the new Reporting Order obligations. Scope to do enhanced analysis over the next 12 months, **ACTION:** Send ideas as to what this could entail to the Secretariat.

Events: SSN Spring conference on 25 May, LA Forum 25 August 2022, **Lunch & Learn** sessions (9 June, 30 June & 25 August) – **ACTION:** contact SSN with topics for knowledge exchange events.

Tools: ZWS commuting tool, ZWS embodied carbon in office equipment & [Scottish Public Sector Energy Benchmarking tool](#) (SPSEBT) Launch 24 May 2022. Place Standard Tool with a Climate lens –expected to be circulated in Summer to members.

SSN Website – SSN [Manual](#) (training section is live). Share your information with us to include in manual.

Leaders' Climate Emergency Checklist – going to Steering Group on 18 May 2022.

SSN presenting to SOLACE in June 2022,

Audit Scotland focus group – report due late summer.

Staff changes: Angela Davidson ([angela.davidson@ed.ac.uk](#)) is covering for Lucy Crockert who is currently on maternity leave. Jenny Fausset leaving to join Scottish Borders Council at end of May.

IS UPDATE

Judi Kilgallon (judi.kilgallon@improvementservice.org.uk)

[Briefing](#) prepared (jointly by IS, SSN & COSLA) for Elected members. Get in touch with JK if want more information. [Scottish Cities Alliance](#) will be funding Climate Literacy training for elected members & officers.

Data & intelligence – working with data colleagues on regional gazateer events and reviewing local government benchmarking framework and improving indicators.

Supporting the CCIA sub group.

Climate Emergency UK Scorecard – IS involved in future work in this area as carried out by Councils and will keep this group updated.

Creative Carbon Scotland event on climate justice, Tuesday 17 May 2022 - local government, arts and culture and climate justice and how these areas come together. Contact Judi for more information on any of the above.

PROCUREMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE IN DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COUNCIL

Ola Margasinka, Senior Procurement Specialist, Dumfries & Galloway Council

[Link to slides.](#)

CO2 ANALYSIS PRESENTATION

Lyn Duncan, [CO2 Analysis](#) gave an overview of the service they provide, looking at supply chain emissions (Scope 3). Contact tim.los-herringshaw@co2analysis.com for more information on CO2 analysis. Lyn offered to provide reports for Scottish local authorities via SSN secretariat.

OPEN DISCUSSION – JOINING UP ON SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES

Discussion around data protection issues, time required by Finance teams, contracting rules and financial thresholds etc. when working with companies such as CO2 analysis. A number of Q raised as to whether it is sophisticated enough to capture benefits of one product over another (e.g. different types of steel). Acknowledged that tool is a step up from what we currently have.

There is an opportunity for a collaborative approach across the public sector to efficiently work with suppliers. SSN Secretariat to discuss with Co2 Analysis the potential to maximise the economies of scale and how to best approach this and the importance of moving the mindset to reduced carbon rather than based on just cost. May want to pilot this – on a regional approach. Cost/Quality split to be looked at further - definition of cost in terms of whole life costs, linked to circular economy approach, policy conflicts etc.

A.O.B

Russell Gill (Russell.Gill@zerowastescotland.org.uk) Zero Waste Scotland: Scope 3 emissions calculators have been produced and are now online:

[Office equipment emissions calculator](#)

[Contractor emission calculator](#)

[Commuter emissions calculator](#)

Contact Russell if any queries regarding the calculators or if you would like to see other calculators developed.

The next LA Forum will take place on 25 August 2022 meeting topic is Nature Based Solutions and will be tied in with the Lunch & Learn led by Scottish Water taking place on the same date. More information to follow in due course.

USEFUL EVENT / INFORMATION SHARED

[Ecovadis software](#)

[Shared Prosperity Fund](#)

[CivTech](#)

[SME Climate Hub – Business emissions](#)

CXC **[Home Working Carbon Impacts](#)**

Durham County Council - **[home working energy usage](#)**

ZWS – **[Homeworking impact on Zero Waste Scotland's Carbon Footprint](#)**