

SSN LA Forum – SG Update – 25 August 2022

Adaptation

The SG climate change adaptation team are working with COSLA to develop a joint workshop on climate adaptation later in the year, as part of early-engagement on developing adaptation policy for the next statutory national adaptation programme for 2024.

The workshop will be targeted at sustainability leads but also a set of other officials who are/would be involved in developing adaptation plans at a LA or regional level (e.g. transport, public health, housing, planning, economic development, education). Further details to be worked up with COSLA and available in due course.

Funding map

Funding map /directory now available on the SSN website:
<https://sustainablescotlandnetwork.org/ssn-manual/funding>

We would welcome feedback on this, how useful people think this will be, any gaps, etc. This feedback will influence how much resource is dedicated in the future to keeping the directory up to date.

Utilities - Power Purchase Agreements

Crown Commercial Services are currently working on a framework for indirect wire corporate PPAs which will be available to use in Scotland. The framework is due to be awarded in August 2023.

[Provision of Power Purchase Agreement - CCS \(crowncommercial.gov.uk\)](https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/procurement/frameworks/indirect-wire-corporate-ppa)

CCS are currently working through the final business case; this will involve engagement with potential customers so that they can ensure the final agreement will meet everyone's needs. They have put together a short questionnaire to gather some basic information to start with - the link is [here](#). Please take the time to complete the questionnaire and register your interest in the framework.

A second framework, also available for use in Scotland, will cover Demand Management and Renewables, including support for direct wire PPAs, and is due to be awarded in May 2023.

[Demand Management & Renewables Framework \(HELGA 2\) - CCS \(crowncommercial.gov.uk\)](https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/procurement/frameworks/demand-management-renewables)

Offsetting and insetting

The SG Public Sector team are working on developing further guidance around offsetting and nature-based projects on land owned by the public body. The aim is for this to be made available before the end of the year, and will include guidance on how nature-based carbon reduction projects should be recorded in the annual climate change duties report.

LHEES (Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies)

- Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies (LHEES) are at the heart of a place based, locally led and tailored approach to delivering the transition to climate-friendly, more energy efficient homes and non-domestic buildings.
- These local Strategies will underpin an area-based approach to heat and energy efficiency planning and delivery.
- They will set out the long-term plan for decarbonising heat in buildings and improving their energy efficiency across an entire local authority area.
- The Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies (Scotland) Order 2022 came into force on 21 May 2022.
- The Order sets out a legal requirement for local authorities to produce Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies and Delivery Plans by 31 December 2023 and update them every five years.
- The Order was developed in partnership with COSLA and creates a clear statutory basis that will ensure consistency and comprehensive coverage across Scotland against a common minimum standard, raising the profile of local Strategies with industry and investors.
- The Scottish Government is currently consulting with local authorities on Guidance which sets out what is required to fulfil their statutory duty as set out in the Order.
- The Scottish Government has recently announced multi-year funding to support local authorities to develop their LHEES of £75k per annum per Local Authority.

Transport – update from Transport Scotland

As set out in the NTS2 Delivery Plan and CCPu Monitoring Report, we are updating the guidance for local transport strategies to support national climate change objectives. To do this we will work with local authorities over the coming year to continue to ensure that their parking and local transport strategies have proper appreciation of climate change, as well as the impact on all users, including public transport operators, disabled motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

20% Reduction in car km by 2030

Transport Scotland are currently redrafting the 20% Reduction in Car KM Route Map following the public consultation on the draft route map published earlier this year. Alongside the final version of the route map, they intend to publish a toolkit to provide support to Local Authorities who want to participate in efforts to reduce car kilometers.

The toolkit includes a range of key information on the commitment and the policy interventions which are set out in the route map, essential evidence which explains the need for the commitment and resources from across Scottish Government and Local Authorities.

Transport Scotland intend to publish the route map and toolkit before the end of the year.

Draft vision and EV Infrastructure Fund

- The Scottish Government published a new draft vision for Scotland's public electric vehicle charging network in January and announced plans for a new £60m EV Infrastructure Fund (EVIF).
- EVIF intends to leverage at least £30m of its funding through private sector investment to grow Scotland's public charging network.
- Transport Scotland has made over £1.9m funding available to all 32 of Scotland's local authorities to help develop public EV charging strategies and infrastructure expansions plans. These will help to inform investment need to be delivered through EVIF.
- Further information on the draft Vision and EVIF can be found on Scottish Futures Trust's website who are support Transport Scotland to deliver the programme: <https://www.scottishfuturestrust.org.uk/page/electric-vehicle-charging-network>

EV Infrastructure Guides

The Energy Savings Trust have been working with a range of stakeholders to produce guidance to aid and support planning of EV infrastructure. The guides explore issues common to a range of areas across Scotland and will be publicly available online later this year.

Funding for fleet decarbonisation and HDV decarbonisation guidance

Earlier this year, Scottish Futures Trust published a report on alternative funding options to help accelerate the delivery of EV charging infrastructure and fleets for public sector cars and vans:

<https://www.scottishfuturestrust.org.uk/storage/uploads/evfleetreportapril2022.pdf>.

Transport Scotland and Scottish Futures Trust are now exploring how to trial some of these options with a small number of public bodies.

The Energy Savings Trust have been also been working to develop additional HDV decarbonisation guidance. This will be available later this year and incorporated into their existing Fleet Decarbonisation Guide document which is aimed towards all fleet managers.

Procurement

The National Climate and Procurement Forum and associated work streams continue to identify and commission targeted activities which help influence and empower buyers, suppliers and key stakeholder communities.

SPPN 3/2022

Outputs since the last SSN LA conference include publication of procurement policy ([Public procurement – taking account of climate and circular economy considerations: SPPN 3/2022](#)) that clarifies support and expectations with respect to climate and circular economy considerations.

This supersedes the original version, [SPPN 1/2021 – Taking account of climate and circular economy considerations in public procurement](#), providing additional sources of support and advice to enable climate action. It includes new sections on adaptation, [Climate Literacy eLearning](#) and updated [standardised](#)

[statements](#) and [guidance](#) encouraging climate consideration at the selection stage of the procurement process.

The Policy note is intended to consolidate Climate and Procurement policy rather than set out new requirements. Updated content reflects how understanding in this space is evolving.

Standardised Statements and Guidance

The LA sector will be aware that the Forum launched standardised statements and accompanying guidance for public bodies and bidders to make better use of the existing Environmental Management question in the Single Procurement Document.

The initiative aids public bodies in embedding scalable and consistent requirements for bidder climate change plans at the selection stage of procurements. Guidance includes climate change plan templates as well as pre-filled example templates to assist bidders.

Following the launch we have been working with colleagues in SPPD to test the use of the statements and guidance in live contracts. For example, they have been included in the Civil Engineering Framework and Heat In Buildings Contract. This has resulted in some 'tweaks' to the guidance and the Procurement and Supplier Journeys have been updated accordingly.

While we set a long lead time on implementation of this policy, we are keen to hear if sectors are using the question and associated guidance and any further feedback you may have.

Sustainable Procurement Tools Platform

We continue to develop our Sustainable Procurement Tools. Adding new products to complement the existing materials. The latest addition is a number of best practice completed sustainability tests. These tests will help buyers undertake the sustainability test for similar commodities.

The four examples are:

- laboratories: including equipment, consumables and maintenance
- facilities management
- vehicle maintenance and repair
- tyres

Registered users can access the examples by logging in and navigating to the [Library](#). These examples can be used for reference, or as the basis for completing the sustainability test for similar commodities.

If using one of the examples, the user should amend it accordingly to reflect their local circumstances. With respect to what they are buying, their organisational strategies or plans or specific organisational objectives.

Just like the [case studies](#) added to the website earlier this year. The completed sustainability tests have been developed with the input of public sector colleagues.

Scope 3 - Accounting systems

SG has an ongoing exercise around a tool to measure emissions from Scope 3 purchased goods and services. If LAs are able, can they please email answers to the following questions to hannah.neufeld@gov.scot

1. What software package(s) do you currently use to account for revenue spend?
2. What export functionality is supported by this software, including:
 - a. what format(s) of export are supported (CSV, Excel, other)?
 - b. how detailed are the reports e.g. just a summary of total spend with a supplier or breakdown of details from invoices?

Answering is entirely voluntary, it would just be useful for us to know which accounting systems organisations are using; and how many are on the same system.

Many thanks.