

SSN Local Authority Forum

09.15-12.30

Tuesday 9th September

9.15-9.20	Welcome and outline of the event
9.20-9.35	<p>Flooding in Communities: Moving Towards Flood Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona Brannigan, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland <p>Overview of the new report by Audit Scotland: https://audit.scot/news/greater-urgency-needed-to-tackle-flooding-in-scotlands-communities</p>
9.35-10.00	<p>Policy and Partner Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Government • COSLA • Improvement Service
10.00-10.20	<p>Scotland's Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Research Programme</p> <p>Kerry Dinsmore, Principal Science Advisor, Scottish Government</p> <p>An opportunity to learn about and respond to the Scottish Government consultation on the forthcoming Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Research Programme. The consultation (Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Research Strategy 2027-32 - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space) was opened on 24th August and closes on 24th October.</p>
10.20-10.40	Sustainable Scotland Network update
10.40-10.50	Break
10.50-11.30	<p>Forum Member networking</p> <p>Break-out groups providing space for members to address priorities, share experiences and ask for peer-support.</p> <p>Also, an opportunity to identify priority issues in response to the Scottish Parliament's Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee consultation in advance of the publication of the Climate Change Plan, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How should the changes required to meet emission reduction targets be funded?</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What governance arrangements are needed in the SG to ensure effective delivery of the CCP?</i> • <i>How can the SG ensure transparent monitoring and reporting on progress?</i> • <i>What should the SG do to help the public contribute to climate action?</i> • <i>What other factors could affect whether Scotland meets its climate change targets?</i>
11.30-11.50	Plenary feedback and forward planning on key issues
11.50-12.15	<p>Scottish Government Environment Strategy consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susie Turpie, Future Environment Team, Scottish Government • Dr Victor Gignoux, Future Environment Team, Scottish Government <p>A briefing and opportunity to respond to the consultation on the draft Environment Strategy: https://consult.gov.scot/environment-forestry/draft-environment-strategy/</p>
12.15-12.30	AOB and items for next Forum on 9th December