



# Adaptation training for Universities and Colleges

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Providing advice and support to help ensure that Scotland is prepared for, and resilient to, the impacts of climate change.



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### Overview

- Introduction to adaptation
- Adaptation in practice
- Adaptation planning and reporting
- Building the business case for adaptation





# Introduction to adaptation

- Presentation
- Climate ready places exercise





# Change is constant.

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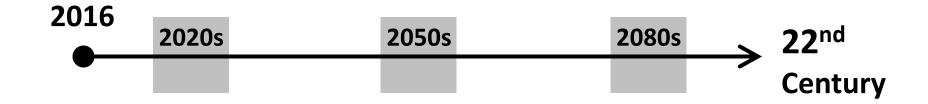
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### The future? What timescale?



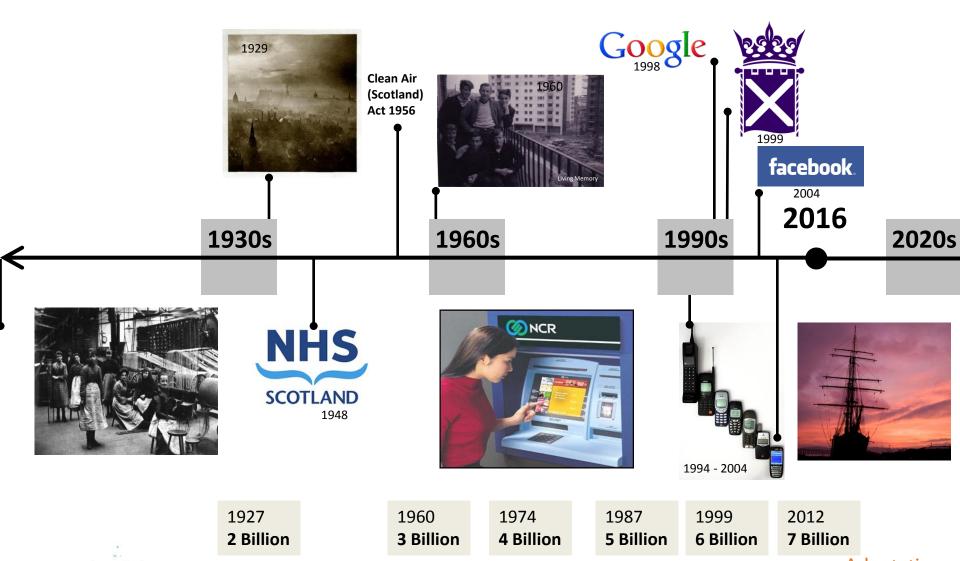


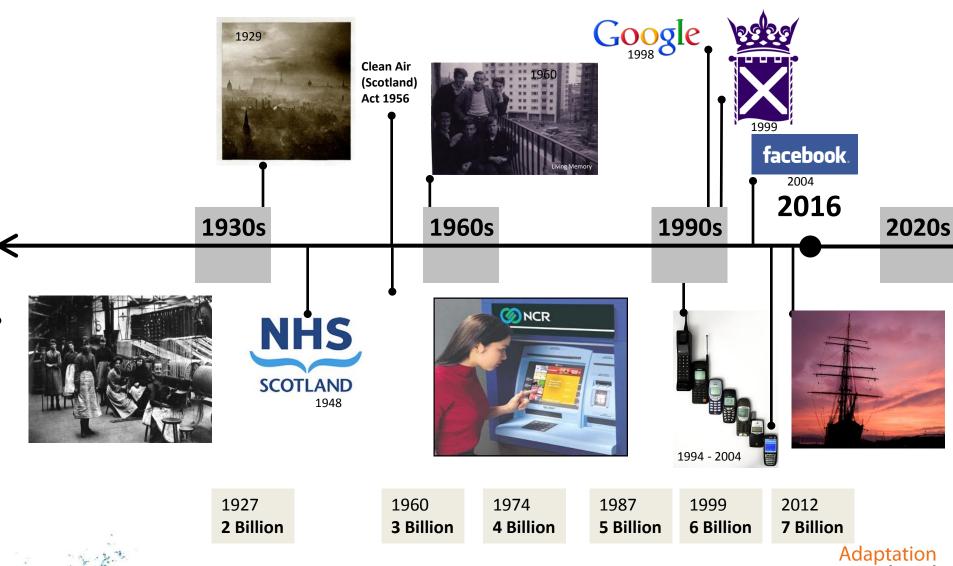












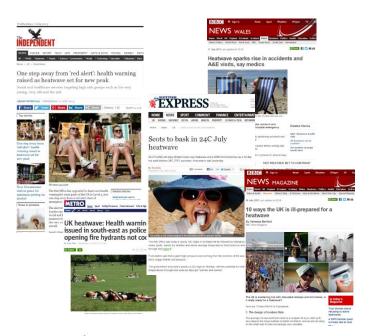
# How is Climate changing?





### Weather affects us.





#### The Year Britain Flooded



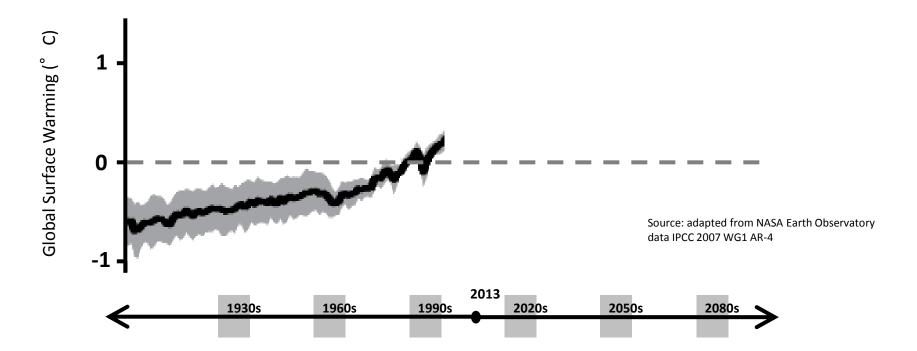




# 1. Understanding the Current Climate



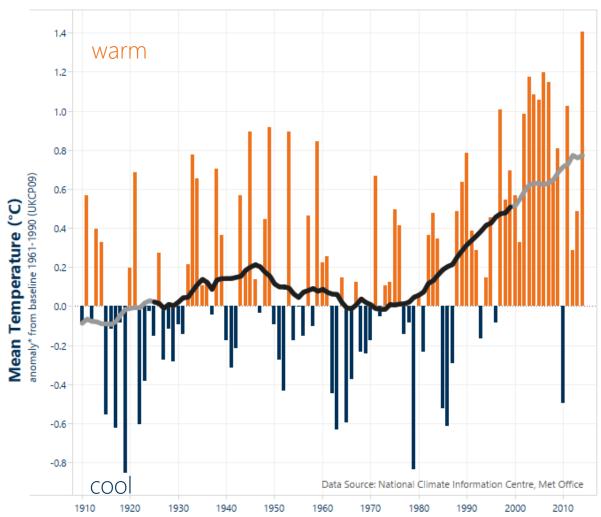




#### **Climate Trends for Scotland**

Scotland - Annual Mean Temperature (°C)





Mean Temperature

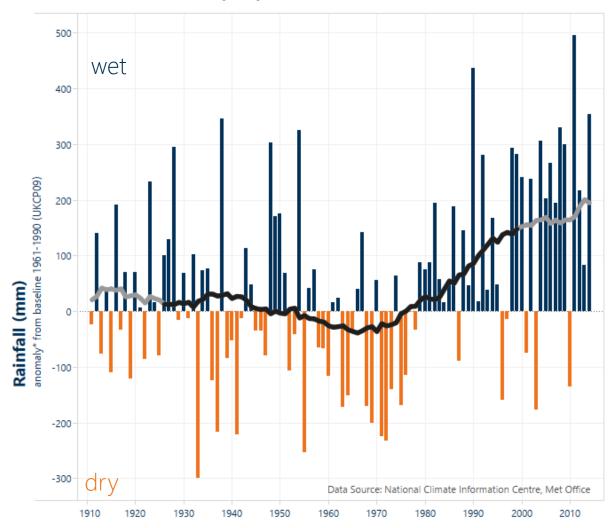




#### **Climate Trends for Scotland**

Scotland - Annual Rainfall (mm)







Rainfall (mm)



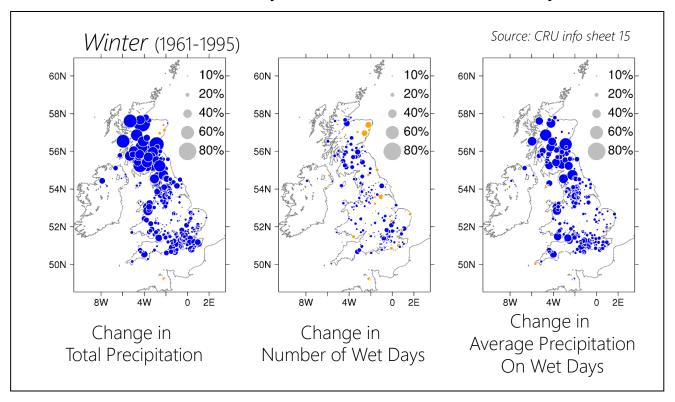


# What about the extremes?





Rainfall has increased over the last 50 years... This increase is mostly due to heavier rainfall on wet days (rather than more wet days)



In London extreme rainfall events occurred once every 30 years before 1960 - and once every 6 years since then...

source: Lloyds (2010)

### Are we 'adapted' to today's climate?



# 2. Understanding The Future Climate





### What do we know about Scotland's future climate?

Over the last few decades we have seen remarkable progress in our understanding of climate – and how humans are changing it...

... and we continue to improve on this.



Scotland has access to world leading information – the UK Climate Projections - about how our climate is likely to change over this century.

http://ukclimateprojections.metoffice.gov.uk/

### The key long-term climate change trends for Scotland are:

- Weather will remain variable, it may become more variable
- Typical summer is hotter and drier
- Typical winter / autumn is milder and wetter
- Sea level rise

### We can also expect to see:

- Increase in summer heat waves, extreme temperatures and drought
- Increased frequency and intensity of extreme precipitation events
- Reduced occurrence of frost and snowfall





# 3. Policy and legislation





# Response

- Climate Change Act (2008)
- UK Climate Change Risk Assessment
- Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
- Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme
- Public Bodies Climate Change Duties
- Mandatory reporting Public Bodies Climate Change Duties



# 4. Impacts of Climate Change





# How will changes in climate impact Universities and Colleges?

- Systems: Telecoms, transport, energy, water;
- **Assets:** Estates and Buildings Built environment and natural environment.
- **Services**: Business continuity, research, innovation and teaching opportunities
- People: Health and wellbeing.
- Global impacts with local consequences.





# Systems: Telecoms, transport, energy, water

IT infrastructure and services commonly outsourced – how vulnerable are key services?

Surface water and fluvial flooding, landslides, overheating of roads and rails and, coastal erosion all threaten transport networks.

How will changes in climate affect energy demand?





# **Assets: Estates and Buildings**

University and college estates often include large areas of greenspace, woodlands, playing fields, gardens, farms rivers and lochs.

These will all be impacted by changes in climate:

- Pests and diseases
- Water logging
- Flooding
- Low water levels
- Drying out





# **Assets: Estates and Buildings**

These assets also have huge potential to help us cope with climate change:

Multi functional green spaces – provide additional flood storage

Greenspaces in cities – space for nature to adapt, slow the flow of water, cooling during warmer summer weather.



Braid Burn before the F





Braid Burn Flooding, Inch Park, March 2010



# **Assets: Estates and Buildings**



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#### **SAC Consulting**

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- Farming For A Better Climate

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#### Adapting To Climate Change

#### Improve Business Resilience - Adapting to Climate Change

Under climate change, a trend towards wetter winters, and drier, hotter summers has been predicted. In reality we are beginning to see more variability in our weather patterns, with more extreme weather events.

Its easy to be sceptical about long-term projections of climate change as it can feel like they are confusing or lacking consistency and clarity. However, more farmers are finding that previously accepted weather windows for work are becoming shorter and more unpredictable. In February 2010, a survey carried out by Farming Futures suggested that 38% of all farmers surveyed said they were already affected by climate change and nearly 60% expect to be affected in the next ten years.

Both at home and overseas, agricultural production could be at risk; for example, excessive heat affecting both crop and livestock production or high rainfall or flooding preventing access to land at key times such as at planting or harvest. At home we are already seeing the effects of milder, wetter winters failing to reduce the numbers of some pests such as liver fluke in









Urge

# **People: Health and wellbeing**







## Global impacts with local consequences







# How should we respond?

Over to you!!



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#### Imagining Climate Ready Places

- Form groups of 5 or 6
- Choose one of the landscape images

### Step 1 (15 mins)

 Use post it notes to describe how the location will be impacted by climate change.

### Step 2 (30 mins)

- Place tracing paper over your landscape.
- Use drawings and descriptions to show how you would adapt the landscape to make it resilient to the impacts of climate change.



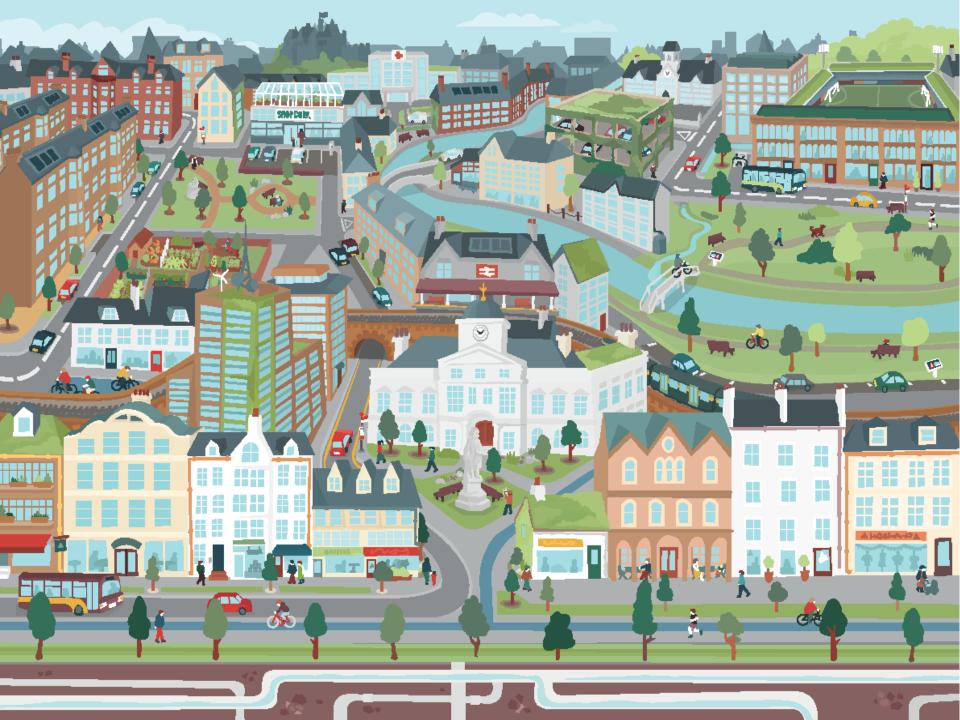
# Climate Ready Places website

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# Adaptation in practice

David Stutchfield – St Andrews University

Roddy Yarr – Strathclyde University





## Discussion questions

Who needs to know about climate risks within your university / college? What is the most effective way of beginning to raise awareness?

What are the first steps you could take to better understand the climate risks relevant for your college / university?





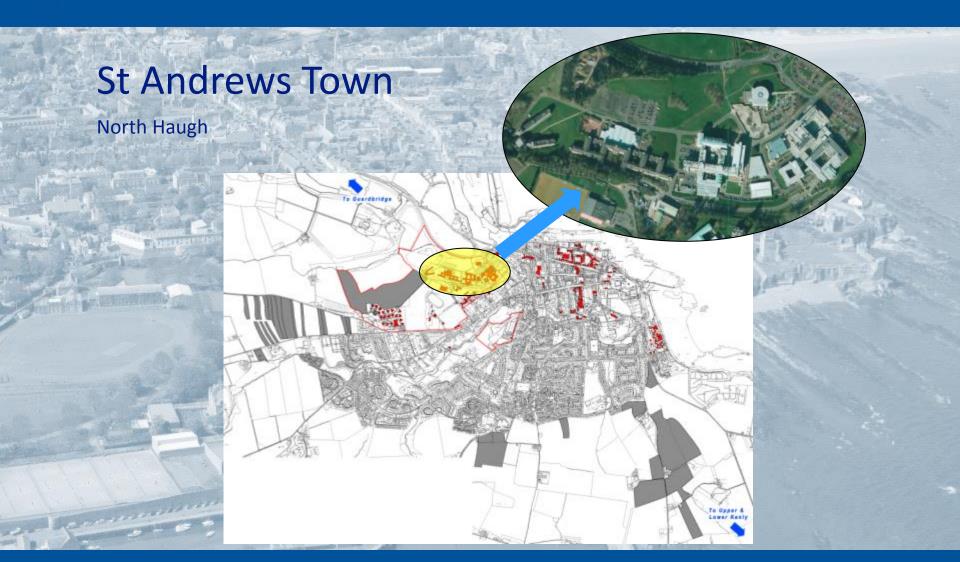


### **Adaptation Aims at St Andrews**

- 1. Identify future climate vulnerability
- 2. Identify adaptation priorities
- 3. Respond to Climate Change Reporting Duties

Flood risk assessments of key assets

- North Haugh area
- Guardbridge
- East Sands area





## Guardbridge

- Sea wall is part of the Fife Coastal Protection Programme
- University's Scottish Oceans Institute research interest in estuary and climate science

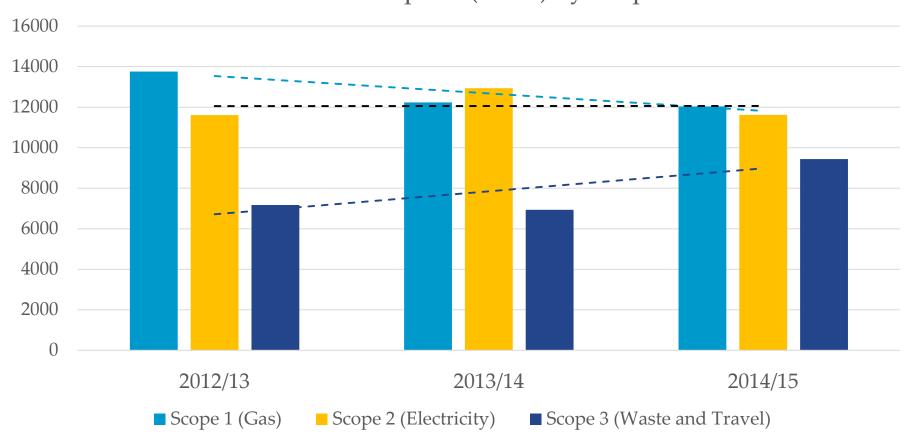


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Understanding climate impacts

Carbon footprint (including travel)

#### Carbon Footprint (tCO2) by Scope



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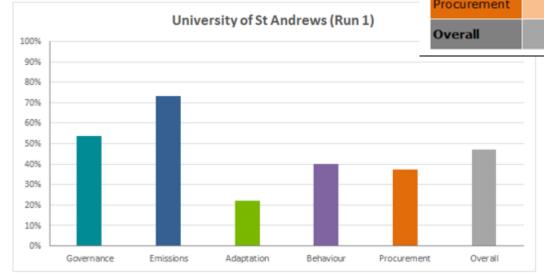
Working through Toolkit

CCAT adaptation workshop at senior level



#### **Results of CCAT Tool**

Overall results - Run 1						
	Organisation score	Total score available	Percentage score	Traffic light assessment		
Governance	15	28	54%	54%		
Emissions	22	30	73%	73%		
Adaptation	6	27	22%	22%		
Behaviour	8	20	40%	40%		
Procurement	6	16	38%	38%		
Overall	57	121	47%	47%		



#### **Results of CCAT Tool**

Results for Adaptation					
Question number	Question				
3a	Have you defined the challenges of Climate Change adaptation?	2 out of 5		Climate change on Risk Register, no monitoring of effects of climate change on University operation	
3b	Have you assessed climate change threats and opportunities?	1 out of 5		No workshops organised, but perception of climate change trends, no SWOT	
3c	Have you assessed climate change risks and identified actions?	0 out of 3		No risk assessment or action plans	
3d	Which specific risk areas have you considered?	0 out of 6		BREEAM covers some of these points, but no formal University policy	
3e	Have you reported and implemented your adaptation arrangements and do you have processes for monitoring and review?	0 out of 5		No process to do this (now required under our Scottish Climate Change Reporting)	
3f	Has your organisation identified its responsibilities under the Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme (SCCAP) objectives?	0 out of 4		Detailed Objectives from the Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme	

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Working through Toolkit

- CCAT adaptation workshop at senior level
- Evaluated Risk Register + added climate risk



#### Risk Register

- Increased insurance costs
- Power outages
- Major travel delays getting to and from University and around world
- Harm to staff and students away from St Andrews
- Widespread staff absence
- Physical damage to buildings from flooding now converted into a Climate Risk

- Climate Risks on Risk Register Risk Manager has identified two construction projects at risk so far.
- Identifying processes to map Local Climate Impacts. Where will information come from? ie Fife Council, Dundee Council, Tay Bridge, Forth Bridge, ScotRail, press clippings, staff memory.

- Agreement for climate workshops in Estates and Residential Business Services
- Mandatory Climate Change Reporting Nov 2015
- 2015-16 Outcome agreement with SFC under Aim 7 includes:
  - completion of initial LCLIP
  - completion of initial Adaptation Plans
  - review of CCAT



#### **Next Steps**

- 1. Evaluate Local Climate Impacts continued research. (no resource allocation or student help so far)
- 2. Run climate threat and opportunity assessment process with key stakeholders (Estates & RBS) to create initial Adaptation Plans

#### The objectives will be to:

- raise awareness of Adaptation within senior management,
- identify where climate change will affect the operation of the unit
- identify what data should be gathered to create a department adaptation report and action plan

#### The objectives cont:

- identify further what data should be gathered to create a LCLIP, and where data may already be available in the University
- understand what resources will be required to take each of these actions forward and who the key contacts will be.



# CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

# UPDATE ON PROGRESS

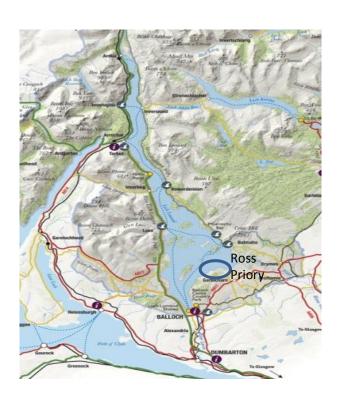
Roddy Yarr, Assistant Director (Sustainability and Environmental Management)

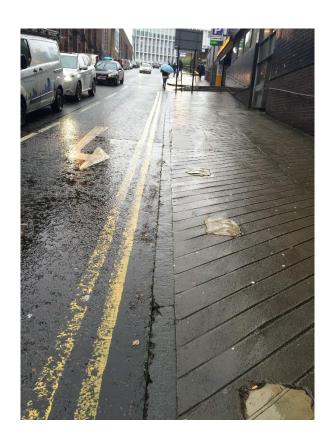


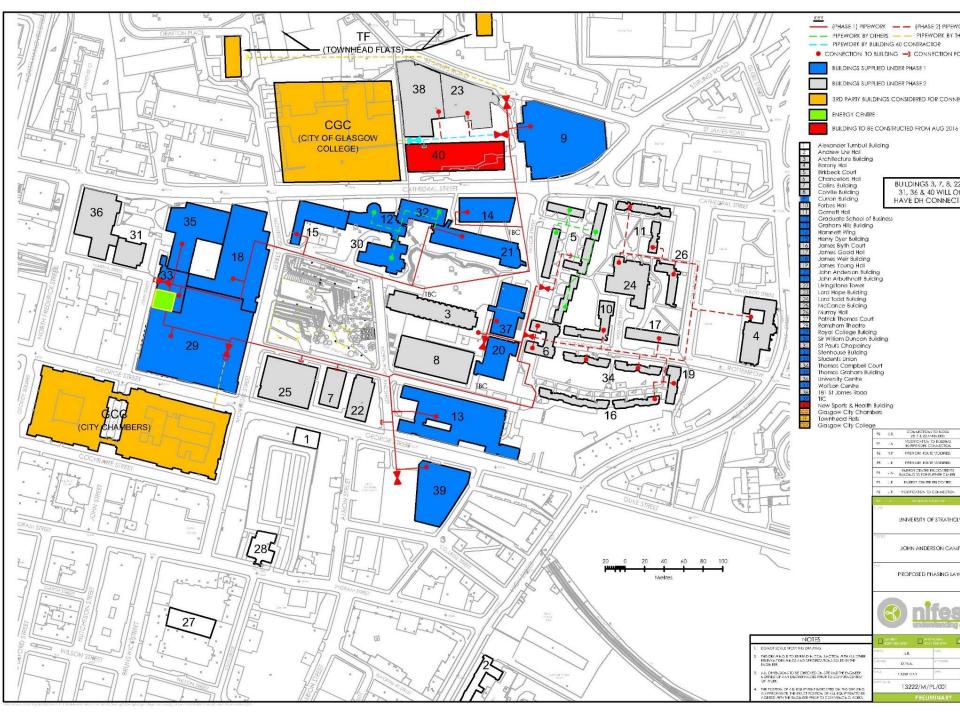
# Background

University of Strathclyde Glasgow

- Several sites across the west of Scotland
  - Glasgow City Centre (36 acres)
  - PNDC at Cumbernauld, North Lanarkshire (3 acres)
  - AFRC at Inchinnan, Renfrewshire (9 acres)
  - Ross Priory, Stirlingshire, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park (190 acres)







# Impact of climate change on estate and services



Glasgow Relative Sea Level rise 16.5 cm

**Estate** 

Services

Western Scotland change in winter precipitation +16%

Western Scotland change in annual mean temperature +2.4°C

# CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION -ISSUES AND DRIVERS



 Severe weather events already have an impact on the University in terms of travel disruption and fabric damage.

 Climate change will result in significant impacts on the built, natural, and social environments

 Adapting to climate change includes planning to reduce the risks while identifying and capturing













- Glasgow aims to be one of the most sustainable cities in Europe over the next twenty years
- Sustainable Glasgow is the partnership for achieving that delivering on environmental, social and economic aspects
- Climate adaptation planning and climate ready placemaking is one of the biggest challenges facing Glasgow

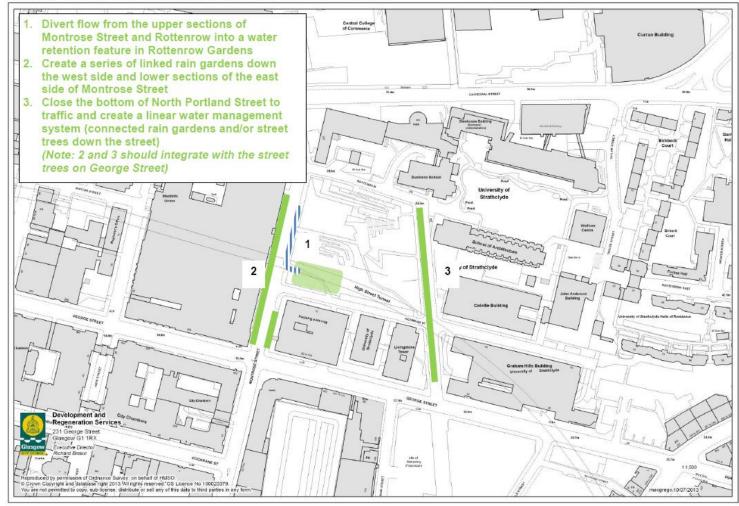
#### What we are doing



- Understanding what Climate Change and Climate Change Adaptation means for the University
  - Identifying future climate vulnerability and risks
- Identifying Adaptation priorities
  - Developing a Climate Adaptation Plan and business case
  - Build this into development masterplan
  - Integrating climate change issues into infrastructure works e.g landscaping to incorporate 'rain gardens'
- Complete Climate Change Assessment Tool and responded to CC Reporting Duties

#### Long term actions - Montrose Street / Rottenrow / North Portland Street













#### Next Steps

- Identify Adaptation priorities in more detail
- Liaise with Glasgow City Council (and other Councils, Parks Authority as appropriate for other sites); Scottish Funding Council; Sustainable Scotland Network; SEPA etc
- Continue to raise awareness



#### Discussion questions

What are the first steps you could take to better understand the climate risks relevant for your college / university?

Who needs to know about climate risks within your university / college? What is the most effective way of beginning to raise awareness?







#### **Outline**

# Five steps to managing your climate risks

A Guide for Public Bodies in Scotland



Supporting compliance with the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 Public Bodies Climate Change Duties

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Assessing and managing risk

4a Has the organisation assessed current and future climate-related risks? If yes, provide a reference or link to any such risk assessment(s).

4b What arrangements does the organisation have in place to manage climate Provide details of any climate change adaptation risk management adaptation policies and actions included across policy areas.

#### Taking action

4c What action has the organisation taken to adapt to climate change? Include details of work to increase awareness of the need to adapt and stakeholders to assess risk and implement action.





#### "Adaptation is a journey, not a destination"





## 1

### Define the challenge

- Identify aims and objectives
- Ascertain where your adaptation arrangements will sit within the University
- Find contacts working on adaptation
- Build the business case

#### **OUTPUT: Briefing paper for senior managers**





## 2 Assess climate threats and opportunities

Understand recent and future climate trends



vulnerable to climate change



Service or department	Estates		
Manager	John Smith	17	
Critical function, service or asset	1: Maintain physical infrastructure		
Key performance indicator or specific objective	To continue the improvement and provision of student residential accommodation		
Is this function, service or asset	currently affected by the following? If so, explain	how.	
Heavy rainfall and flooding	Although the existing student accommodation is on high ground, access to the site does flood.		
Drought	No		
Very hot days and heat waves	No		
High winds	There have been a few minor damages caused by the wind speed of the recent storms.		
Snow and ice	One of the student halls has concrete steps that need to be gritted often in the winter months.		
Sea level rise and coastal flooding	No		
With changes in the climate in the If so, explain how.	future, could this function, service or asset be affec	ted by the following?	
Increasingly mild, wet winters	Yes. Increase in damp in older student accomm.		
Increasingly warm, dry summers	No		
Increased heavy rainfall	Yes. Potential for more surface water flooding and issues with drainage.	daptation	
Less frost and snow	Less grit required for student halls.		cotland porting climate change resilience

### 2 Assess climate threats and opportunities

 Gather evidence of past severe weather events and the consequences they had on your service continuity.

OUTPUT: Weather impacts table





Past w	eather imp	acts						Affected s	
Weather variable	Description of impact	Location	Date	Consequences (costs, service disruption, injury, reputation)	Critical thresholds	Actions / plans / policies put in place to reduce this impact	Evidence of the effectiveness of these actions / plans / policies	Responsible department/ agency	Services/ communities that were affected
Frost/ice	Sub-zero ground temperatures lead to a series of road incidents	Dundee	Dec 2012	Council worker injured leading to reputational consequences; wall needing repaired – unforeseen costs	N/A	Safe winter driving plan introduced	Number of winter weather driving incidents has decreased	Transport and roads; Police	N/A





# Assess climate risks and identify actions

- Prioritise the threats and opportunities you have identified in the previous step through a risk assessment process.
- Identify and prioritise the actions to respond to.

## OUTPUTS: Climate Change Risk Assessment and Action plan





	Weather or climate in	mpacts		2013				2013		;	2020s		s		2020s		
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Heavy rainfall	Flooding blocks key roads and prohibits access to hospital	Emergencies diverted to another hospital; medical supplies delayed; loss of life; reputational impact	2	4	8	Major road closures must be limited to 2 hours	Road management contingency planning; emergency planning	2	3	6	3	4	12	San	3	3	9
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#### Report and implement

 Implement, and collate and report your adaptation arrangements internally and externally.

## 5

#### **Monitor and review**

 Establish a process for monitoring and reviewing your adaptation arrangements.





#### Are there any questions?







# How does this align with the Public Bodies Duties Climate Change Reports?

4	Adaptation
	Assessing and managing risk
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4b	What arrangements does the organisation have in place to manage climate-related risks?  Provide details of any climate change adaptation risk management procedures, strategies, action plans and any adaptation policies and actions included across policy areas.
	Taking action
4c	What action has the organisation taken to adapt to climate change? Include details of work to increase awareness of the need to adapt to climate change and build the capacity of staff and stakeholders to assess risk and implement action.

#### Section 2: Governance, Management and Strategy

- 2a How is climate change governed in the organisation?
- 2b How is climate change managed and delivered by the organisation?
- 2c Does the organisation have specific climate change mitigation and adaptation objectives in its corporate plan or similar document?





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Assessing future climate change risk

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#### Section 4: Adaptation

- 4b. What arrangements does the organisation have in place to manage climate-related risks?
- 4c. What action has the organisation taken to adapt to climate change?





Objective N1 - Understand the effects resulting from climate change and their impacts on the natural environment

No.	Policy and description	How will this help deliver the Objective?	Who will deliver?
N1-2	Increase understanding of the implications of climate change for nature through data gathering, analysis and research.	to detect, quantify and understand the impacts of climate change on nature	Scottish Government, ClimateXChange, BICCO-Net, Universities, Scottish Natural Heritage, Forestry Commission Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency.







#### Section 4: Adaptation

- 4e. What arrangements does the organisation have in place to review current and future climate risks?
- 4f. What arrangements does the organisation have in place to monitor and evaluate the impact of the adaptation actions?









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#### **Define the challenge**

#### **Building the business case**

Purpose of the session:

Gather information for a briefing paper/ presentation for senior management that will make the case for why your organisation should take climate risks seriously.

Groups of 5/6

Three phases.





#### Define the challenge

#### **Building the business case**

#### Three phases:

- 1. What are the challenges and solutions? (45 mins)
  - Explore how climate change impacts are/ will affect assets, systems, services and people.
  - Identify work already underway to address impacts.
- 2. How could climate risks and opportunities affect strategic priorities and risks? (20 mins)
  - Identify how climate change impacts will affect aims, objectives and activities identified in corporate level plans and policies.
- 3. What is the ask? (10 mins)
  - What would you ask senior management for?





- 1. What are the challenges and solutions?
- a) What are some of the challenges that you are likely to face? Can you remember past impacts?

- Assets: Estates and Buildings Built environment and natural environment;
- Systems: Telecoms, transport, energy, water;
- Services: Business continuity, research, innovation and teaching opportunities;
- People: Health and wellbeing.
- b) What are some of the successful actions that you are already taking to reduce climate risks and benefit from opportunities? Are there any quick wins? Discuss and use post it notes to record your responses.





#### 2. How could climate risks and opportunities affect strategic priorities and risks?

Identify how climate change impacts will affect aims, objectives and activities identified in corporate level plans and policies.

- Strategic plan
- Asset management plan
- Corporate risk assessment

Nominate a note taker to record key bullet points





#### 3. What is the ask?

- Do you need to ask for leadership and / or governance to enable progress on adaptation within your organisation?
- Does your organisation have a corporate risk register? Could you seek to have 'failure to adapt to the impacts of climate change' included in your corporate risk register?
- Do you need time and support to assess climate impacts across different locations, assets and/ or services? Could your briefing paper make a case for this?
- Do you need to support for adaptation to be included in a priority planning / investment policy area?





#### Actions to take away







#### Do one thing

Identify the **one thing** that you are going to go away and do.

Research\* shows that we are much more likely to do actions that we write down and are accountable to others for (makes sense really!!!).

\*A book Anna recently read



Please write down one thing (and only one) that you are going to do to progress your adaptation work.





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