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# **CHALLENGING CONNECTIONS**

incorporating the Student Sustainability Summit, Further Education Sustainability Summit and Transformational Leadership Summit

#### Workshop 2: It's all about reporting... or is it?!

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## Its All About Reporting - Or Is It?





## Why report





"You cannot control that which you do not measure" Lord Kelvin

"Reporting necessitates measurement"

Do you see where we are going with this....

#### Who we are.





 Network focused at improving the sustainability & climate change performance of Scottish public sector.

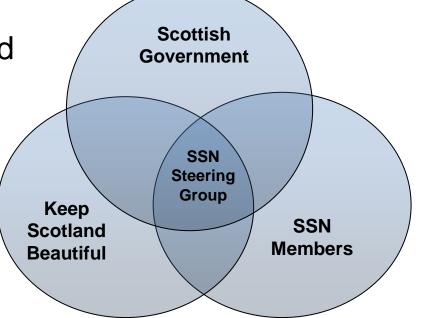
 Originally working with local authorities, extending our remit to all publicly funded

organisations.

Partnership with EAUC Scotland







### SCCD, UCCCfS & PSSR





#### Scotland's Climate Change Declaration

- · Climate change is occurring and human activities are having a significant negative and potentially dangerous influence
- Climate change will have far reaching effects on Scatland's people and places, impacting on our economy, society and
- There are significant social, economic and environmental benefits in taking action to combat and prepare for climate change
- We all in Scotland have duties and responsibilities to take action to both mitigate and adapt to climate change, and to promote sustainable development and well-being of our local communities.

- Opportunity for local government in particular and other agencies, businesses, voluntary and community organisations and inc
  to show leadership at a local level to respond to climate change.
- Opportunity to address climate change by promoting the sustainable d

#### We commit

#### from this date



- . Work with the Scottish Executive and the UK Government to contribute to the delivery of Scotland's and the UK's Climate Chang
- Produce and publicly declare a plan, with targets and time-scales, to achieve a significant reduction in green! our own operations. This will include our energy use and sourcing, travel and transportation, waste production and disp management, procurement of goods and services, and improved staff awareness.
- Ensure that greenhouse gas reduction and climate change adaptation measures are clearly incorporated into our new and exist strategies, plans and programmes, in line with sustainable development principles.
- Assess the risks and opportunities for our services and our communities of predicted climate change scenarios and impacts, and action to adapt accordingly and in line with sustainable development principles.
- Encourage and work with others in our local community to take action to adapt to the impact of climate change, to rec greenhouse gas emissions and to make public their commitment to action.
- Publish an annual statement on the manitoring and progress of our climate change response, detailing targets set, actions to outcomes achieved and further actions required.
- Collaborate with other organisations to promote good practice on climate change mitigation and adaptation

We acknowledge the increasing impact that climate change will have an our community, Scotland and other countries during the 21: Century and commit to tackling the causes and affects of a changing climate within our local area.

Signatories

\_\_ Council Leader

Scattish Ministers welcome this declaration and will work in partnership with the signatories and their representatives to

Minister for Environment and Rural Development scotts scotts success Minister for Finance and Public Service



#### Universities & Colleges Climate Commitment for Scotland

#### We recognise the challenge:

- · We recognise the scale and speed of climate change, and the likely effect on Scotland's people and places, impacting adversely on our economy, society and environment
- . We consider that early action to address the expected changes will create long-term economic, health, social and environmental benefits
- We acknowledge the Scottish Government objective to reduce emissions by 80% by 2050 to avert the worst impacts of climate change; and realise we have a role to play in this.

#### We welcome the opportunities:

- · To harness our academic talents and expand Scotland's ability through our research capacity, knowledge exchange activity and the provision of skills, modules and courses - to create solutions to the challenges posed by climate change
- To demonstrate practical leadership in tackling climate change by containing growing energy use and costs, protecting estates and buildings and promoting sustainability and social responsibility
- To engage our students, staff, alumni and local communities with the challenge of climate change.

#### Consistent with sustainable development principles, we commit our institution to:

- 1 Support the national Climate Change programmes, reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and implementing adaptation measures for future climate change scenarios.
- 2 Allocate time and resources to implementing measures to reduce our overall carbon footprint and engage in the community planning process to deliver low-carbon solutions ('mitigation') by preparing and, within a year, publishing a five-year climate action plan with targets and time scales to achieve a significant reduction in emissions from all our activities, including:
- · energy consumption and source
- · waste reduction, recycling and responsible disposal
- sustainable estate development
- · sustainable travel planning
- · responsible procurement of goods and services
- 3 Assess the risks to the institution identified in projected climate change scenarios and ensure safeguarding measures are incorporated into our strategic planning, including each estates strategy review ('adaptation')
- 4 Work in partnership with others to implement measures to reduce emissions and engage in neighbourhood mechanisms, particularly through the community planning process
- 5 Collaborate within the sector and with other public and private organisations, both academically and practically, to share good practice on climate change mitigation and adaptation
- 6 Incorporate our work on climate change into established improvement processes and publish results on progress of our response annually, with outcomes achieved / further actions required
- 7 Contribute to the cooperative work, supported by relevant sector bodies, in monitoring progress and promoting best practice.

#### Signed

Principal: Rector / Chair of Governing Body: \_\_ On behalf of: Date: 21 January 2009

Scottish Ministers welcome this timely and proactive initiative by Scotland's universities and colleges to tackle climate change. Delivering these commitments will lead to positive benefits, as well as raising Scotland's profile as a leading, learning nation, determined to make a positive contribution to one of the greatest global challenges.

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, January 2009

#### SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC SECTOR SUSTAINABILITY **REPORTING - Guidance on the** preparation of Annual Sustainability Reports

Financial Year 2012-13



## The experience of voluntary reporting





- Voluntary; to a point Government expectation.
- Near 100% reporting for last 7 years
- Requesting information already collated for other purposes.
- Improvement on reporting over the years evolution in understanding and description of climate change and action.
- Increasingly crowded picture
- Reporting overload?

## **Development Process**





#### **Public Sector Climate Leaders Forum**

Ministerial commitment / interagency forum

#### **Climate Leaders Officers Group**

- Scottish Government, COSLA, SFC
- SSN, EAUC, Adaptation Scotland, Resource Efficient Scotland, 2020 Climate Group
- Scottish Water, Scottish Enterprise, SEPA, SNH, Transport Scotland, NHS, Audit Scotland, Historic Scotland, Highlands & Islands Enterprise, Scottish Parliament.

#### **Development Process**

Template Development: September 2014 – February 2015

Guidance Development: February-April 2015

Consultation: Feb-May 2015

#### Schedule

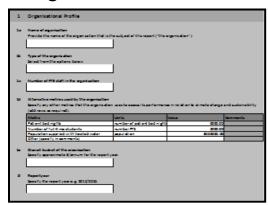
Pilot Year: 2015 (on 14-15 data) Mandatory: 2016 (on 15-16 data)

## Mandatory reporting format.

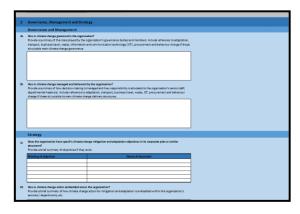




#### **Organisation Details**



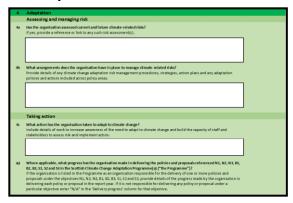
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#### Adaptation



#### **Procurement**

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## Benefits of the new process.





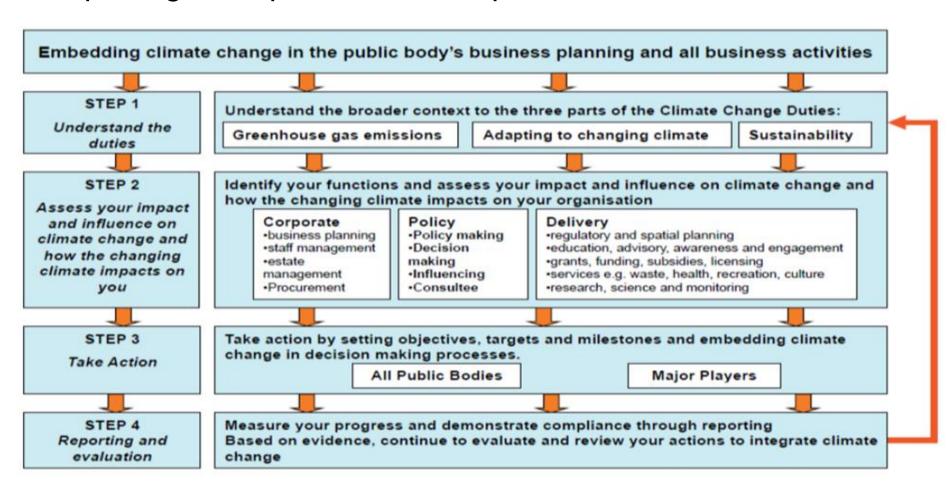
- Mandatory required reporting
- Broader-scope recommended reporting
- Collaborative, inter-agency development process
- Linkage to national emissions targets and reporting
- Streamlined format & simple user interface.
- Interactive with standardised sections and factors.
- Requires data and verifiable information.
- Limits and structures subjective commentary.
- Step-by-step guidance document
- Comparable data.
- Eradication of other reporting requirements?
- Support tools and services available (SSN, RES, AS, EAUC)

### Its not about the report!





#### Reporting is for performance improvement!







Will standardised reporting improve quality and consistency?

Are there any additional resource implications?

How do you think reports should be monitored?

What should the **consequences** be if a major player does not comply?

Should reports be validated prior to submission?

## **Challenging Connections**





#### **Further information:**

www.sustainable-scotland.net





- Governance and management
  - Clear long term goals
  - Schedule of plan for reduction opportunities
  - Understanding of the contribution of all sort of activities – energy efficiency, renewables, behaviour change etc.
  - Robust comms strategy
  - Near and long term financial planning
  - Service Directors have specific targets and KPIs
  - Established improvement process





- Corporate emissions
  - Departmental reporting that accounts for 100% of Scope 1 and 2 emissions.
  - Designated carbon manager supported by a network of staff.
  - Register of costed reduction projects with dedicated budget.
  - Robust MM&T system to track projects and overall emissions, feedback on performance and take decisions that will improve the carbon management system.





- Adaptation
  - Near and long term planning
  - Risk assessment leading to action
  - Responsibility for continual review





- Procurement
  - Carbon appraisal of all projects.
  - Greater weighting of sustainability issues in tender opportunities.
  - Sustainability established as the core objective of every project, not as an additional performance indicator.





- Validation
  - All climate change data goes through limited assurance.
  - All key progress reports are assessed by external qualified body.
  - Improvement process established and adhered to.
  - Escalation process established and adhered to.