

Sustainable Glasgow Green Economy Hub

# Delivering a Sustainable Glasgow Together



A charter promoting and celebrating ambitious Glasgow business action to achieve net-zero carbon by 2030

August 2023



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Glasgow**



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Greater Glasgow  
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# Introduction

After hosting the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in November 2021, Glasgow has a unique opportunity to demonstrate that a genuinely sustainable legacy can be achieved from hosting the event. Sustainable Glasgow will be a principal means through which partners can contribute to Glasgow City based projects, positive messaging and the projection of good news stories over the years leading to the target of 2030. The City's key businesses and employers can and must show leadership in delivering real progress on the net-zero future of Glasgow.

The Sustainable Glasgow Green Economy Hub Charter is a commitment by leading businesses and employers in Scotland's largest city, and host of COP26, to take action within their own organisations and sectors to contribute to a green recovery and radically reduce the City's carbon emissions.

The Green Economy Hub is for those organisations who are committed to being leaders in the race to net zero and who are dedicated to delivering a sustainable and circular Glasgow together.

In 2020, Glasgow City Council's Climate Emergency Working Group made 61 recommendations ranging across all areas of city activity. Few of them can be delivered by the Council alone and they therefore set both a context and a significant challenge for a city-wide partnership. The climate emergency report sets, in effect, a new approach to an already familiar agenda for partners to consider and it is proposed that the City's response to its recommendations is led through Sustainable Glasgow.

Sustainable Glasgow will convene, catalyse and challenge organisations that commit to the Green Economy Hub Charter, recognising and celebrating not just what those organisations are doing now, but what they will do on the journey to net zero and a green recovery.

The Green Economy Hub Charter represents a step on the path to a 'new normal' of sustainable business practice in a thriving green city.

Sustainable Glasgow also recognises that the City is driven by a large population of small to medium enterprises (SMEs) who may require significant support to deliver against the commitments in this Charter. Those SMEs who sign up to the ambition of delivering this Charter may be able to access support through Scotland's sustainable business support ecosystem which includes Business Gateway, Scottish Enterprise, Zero Waste Scotland, the Energy Savings Trust and SEPA.

For further information and support for SMEs to deliver the ambition of this charter, please see the **Supplementary note for small to medium enterprises** at [www.sustainableglasgow.org.uk](http://www.sustainableglasgow.org.uk)



# Charter Pledge

As representatives of key businesses and employers in Glasgow, we, the “City Climate Champions” of the Sustainable Glasgow Green Economy Hub Charter hereby undertake to:

Effect significant and demonstrable change in our business practices resulting in an accelerated reduction in climate emissions that contribute to Glasgow’s net-zero carbon target.

In doing this we will:

## Operations

- Share within a month of signature what action we are currently taking to address climate change and our current emissions.
- Take demonstrable actions to contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions (by COP26 in November 2021 and beyond).
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- Publish annual plan online to cut carbon emissions within our organisations with identified target dates for progress.
- Set out how we will embed assessment of climate impact into all organisational and investment decisions.

## Influence and Leadership

- Communicate our approach to tackling climate change and promote the importance of greater efforts to tackle climate change.
- Share learning with members of the Sustainable Glasgow Green Economy Hub and other city organisations looking to accelerate action on climate change.
- Roll out climate literacy for staff, including the management team as a minimum.
- Promote, support and enable employee choices and behaviours to contribute positively to a net-zero future.
- Maximise the impact of procurement across the value chain to accelerate emissions reductions with particular focus on capital investment decision making.

Where **applicable** to our organisation we will also:

## Transport

- Integrate the sustainable travel hierarchy into our organisation’s operations and future business planning and target a long-term improvement on pre-2020 levels.
- Prioritise sustainable and active regional travel choices by our workforces.
- Invest in a switch to zero emission company owned vehicles.

## Buildings & Facilities

- Commit to a clear programme of deep retrofit of the organisational estate.
- Switch all energy use to sustainable energy sources and commit to purchasing heat/power from local district networks if available and viable for our organisation.
- Explore the potential of the organisational estate to generate renewable and sustainable energy and contribute to increased greenspace, biodiversity and sequestration.
- Prioritise locally sourced, seasonal, **sustainable food** for our employees and/or customers and integrate the **food waste hierarchy** into our organisation’s operations and future business planning.

Signed by the City Climate Champions for Sustainable Glasgow Green Economy.



# Large Enterprise Champions

### CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Susanto Ikon

Date: 20th May 2021

### CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Angela Mitchell

Date: 12th May 2021

### CLIMATE CHAMPION:

KSA

Date: 20th May 2021

### CLIMATE CHAMPION:

James McEnald

Date: 20th May 2021

## CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Donna Jaime L Toney

Date: 13th May 2021

## CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Shan McQuade

Date: 28th May 2021



CLIMATE CHAMPION:

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde: *Shamir Khan* Date: 17th May 2021

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Skills Development Scotland: *R. Ross* Date: 8th June 2021

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Wheatley Group: *M. Hall* Date: 1st June 2021

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Clyde Gateway: *A. Smith* Date: 21st May 2021

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

SPT: *G. MacLennan* Date: 18th May 2021

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Glasgow Airport: *Brian McClean* Date: 12 May 2021



CLIMATE CHAMPION:

ACS Clothing: ANTHONY BURNS, A. Burns Date: 17th May 2021

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Babcock: B.H. Williams Date: 17th May 2021

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Scottish Water: B. A. Date: 19th May 2021

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Balfour Beatty: Alma Date: 17th May 2021

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Edrington: Eric Whitham Date: 22nd June 2021

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Peel L&P: Ben Lawrence Date: 26th August 2021

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Mott MacDonald: Ben Date: 13th October 2021

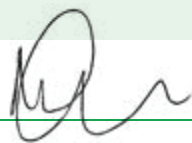
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City Building: Alan Boyd Date: 10th September 2021



CLIMATE CHAMPION:

BECTU Vision:



Date: 4th August 2023

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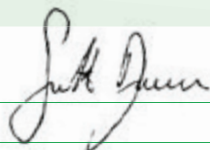
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Date: 4th August 2023

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Celeros:



Date: 4th August 2023

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Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP:



Date: 2nd November 2023

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Company name:

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## Small & Medium Enterprise Champions

We aspire to delivering the commitments of this Charter with the support of Scotland's sustainable business support ecosystem and our fellow Champions from the Large Enterprise community.

### CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Connect Three:

Date: 16th July 2021

### CLIMATE CHAMPION:

MacArthur Green:

Date: 1st October 2021

### CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Austin Smith: Lord:

Date: 21st October 2021

### CLIMATE CHAMPION:

The Beal Group Ltd:

Date: 11th December 2021

### CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Glasgow Chamber of Commerce:

Date: 17th May 2021

### CLIMATE CHAMPION:

West of Scotland Housing Association:

Date: 20th December 2021

### CLIMATE CHAMPION:

SCMG Ltd:

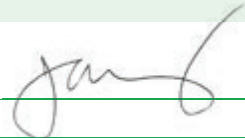
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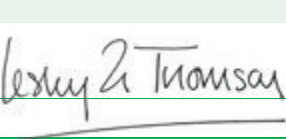
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Graven:  Date: 4th August 2023

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Spreng Thomson:  Date: 4th August 2023

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Peak Scientific Instruments Ltd.:  Date: 15th July 2024

CLIMATE CHAMPION:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2023

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