

The organisations that have come together to support Scotland's Local Authority Climate Change Programme are:



All of these organisations will be exhibiting at this event and will be pleased to provide you with more information on their specific areas of activity and the support they are able to provide.

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Delivering Scotland's Climate Change Declaration

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Surgeon's Hall
Clerk Street
Edinburgh

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On 16th January 2007, Scotland's Climate Change Declaration was launched, with Scotland's 32 local authorities demonstrating their willingness to take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change. A programme to support delivery of the Declaration's seven commitments is being developed. This event provides you with a unique opportunity to shape this support programme, to hear from local authority and climate change professionals and to reflect on your Council's plans for delivery and monitoring of the Declaration commitments.

Programme

Chair: Douglas Paterson, Chief Executive, Aberdeen City Council

09.45 **Arrival** – Registration – Coffee

10.15 **Introduction** - Douglas Paterson

10.30 **Keynote speaker** - Mark Watts, the Mayor of London's Chief Advisor on Climate Change

11.00 **A Leader's Perspective** - Cllr Ewan Aitken, Leader, City of Edinburgh Council

A Chief Executive's Perspective - David Hume, Chief Executive, Scottish Borders Council

11.30 **Panel Session** - Mark Watts, Cllr Ewan Aitken, David Hume

11.50 **Implementation: Support and Assistance** - Philip Wright, Head of Climate Change and Air Division, Environment and Rural Affairs Department, Scottish Executive

12.15 **Lunch & Exhibition**

13.15 **Guidance on Delivering the Declaration** - Alan Speedie, Chair of the Sustainable Scotland Network

13.25 **Planning the Way Ahead** - introduced by George Tarvit, Development Manager, Sustainable Scotland Network

Leading into small group workshops, discussing the delivery and monitoring of the Declaration commitments and the support programme required by local authorities

14.45 **Closing remarks and next steps** - Douglas Paterson

15.00 **Close**

A conference report will be issued in the weeks following this event, summarising the key themes of discussion and workshop outcomes. Powerpoint presentations and other materials from the day will all be available at www.sustainable-scotland.net/climatechange.

Douglas Paterson

As Chief Executive of Aberdeen City Council, Douglas Paterson heads a large innovative public sector organisation with 11,500 staff and a budget of £350million. Under his leadership, the authority is undergoing a significant change programme, including radical new structures designed to maximise customer and citizen care, as well as encouraging local people to become more involved in democracy and the planning and delivery of key services. The Council has also pioneered joint working across the whole public sector including its neighbour Aberdeenshire Council. The Council are also setting new standards in inclusion, city development and environmental sustainability.

With a career background in education, including several years as a teacher and headteacher, Mr Paterson, a former Director of Education with Grampian Regional Council, has been Chief Executive since 1995.



Mark Watts

Mark Watts is the Mayor of London's chief advisor on climate change. His brief also covers transport, air quality and some aspects of social policy. Mr Watts has worked for Mayor Ken Livingstone since 1999 and is currently leading on the development of a Climate Change Action Plan for London, setting out how the city will achieve the tough carbon emission reduction targets set by the Mayor. He also leads on the development of a Climate Change Adaptation Plan for London, which will consider how London adapts to the inevitable effects of climate change, such as increased risk of flooding and extreme summer temperatures.

Mr Watts is responsible for the Large Cities Climate Leadership Group established by the Mayor and led the negotiations with the Clinton Foundation, which resulted in a partnership to take forward this initiative.



Councillor Ewan Aitken

Ewan joined the Labour party in 1982 and has been active in party politics ever since. He was elected to the City of Edinburgh Council in 2001, serving first as Vice Convener of the Education Committee, then as Convener of the Social Justice Scrutiny Panel before being elected as Executive Member for Education, now Children and Families.

In 2003 he was elected CoSLA spokesperson for Education and also served as Joint Convener of the Scottish Negotiating Committee with Teachers. In August 2007 he was appointed Leader of the City of Edinburgh Council.



David Hume

David Hume has been Chief Executive of Scottish Borders Council since 1 March, 2002. He began his local government career in the Chief Executive's office of Strathclyde Regional Council in 1980 before moving to Lothian Regional Council in 1986. He moved up through the ranks to become Director of Corporate Services with the City of Edinburgh Council in 1998. He has a special interest in the Community Safety agenda.



Philip Wright

Philip Wright joined the former Scottish Office from Lothian Regional Council in 1982, occupying a series of specialist and policy posts covering civil engineering and environmental matters. In his current post as Head of Climate Change and Air Division, Philip supports Scottish Ministers in the development and implementation of the Scottish Executive's policy on climate change, including Scotland's Climate Change Programme. Other policy responsibilities extend over flood risk management, coast protection, reservoir safety, air quality, noise, ozone depleting substances and determining appeals to Scottish Ministers under environmental legislation. Among other roles he is also a member of Ofgem's Environmental Advisory Committee and Chairman of the Scotland and Northern Ireland Forum for Environmental Research (SNIFFER).

