



For Information

Purpose

Update for colleagues on initiatives in Scotland.

Evolving agency landscape in Scotland

In April the Scottish Government streamlined the energy and resource efficiency advice and support delivery landscape through the integration of non-domestic energy and material resource efficiency services previously provided by Zero Waste Scotland, Carbon Trust and Energy Saving Trust.

The new **Resource Efficient Scotland** (RES) programme, delivered by Zero Waste Scotland (!), provides support to businesses, third sector and public sector organisations to reduce overheads through improved energy, material resource and water efficiency, and will help cut carbon for public and private sector organisations. See more at www.resourceefficientscotland.com. RES has three key components:

1. A 'one-stop-shop' Scotland-wide integrated Advice and Support service to all business and public sector organisations on waste / material resource use, energy and water efficiency.
2. In addition to this, Resource Efficient Scotland will focus its efforts to these sectors:
 - o Construction / The Built Environment
 - o Food & Drink
 - o Hospitality
 - o Public Sector
3. The third element of the programme – an Integrated Business and Public Sector Intelligence strand - will support the whole programme activity including monitoring and evaluation leading to the continual development and improvement of the Resource Efficient Scotland programme.

Additionally **Sustainable Scotland Network** (SSN) – which has historically supported local authority sustainability practitioners – has been funded to extend its services. SSN now supports all public sector action on sustainable development, focussing on climate change and sustainable procurement. The SSN supports the Scottish public sector to work together towards a sustainable Scotland by:

- Coordinating programmes on climate change and sustainable procurement including Scotland's Climate Change Declaration (LAs equivalent of UCCCfs);
- Sharing good practice and supporting collaboration, researching and promoting better solutions;
- Connecting with national and international policy-makers;
- Providing access to up-to-date news, advice and guidance.

We shall participate with both these networks to maximise benefit for institutions in Scotland.

Education for Sustainable Development

The UN University Regional Centre of Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development in Scotland has now been established at Moray House School of Education, the University of Edinburgh with Abi Cornwall moving across from SDE Network and the centre named "Learning for Sustainability Scotland".

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