

Strategy Group for Scotland

NOTES and ACTIONS

27 August 2020 – 14.00h to 16.00h

Online - Microsoft Teams

Attending:

COMPANY	NAME
Kier	Craig McAndie
SP Energy Networks	Claire Roxburgh
SP Energy Networks	Steven Vallance
Balfour Beatty	Jim Brannan
Morgan Sindall	John Murray
Morgan Sindall	Elizabeth Halliday
BAM	Michael Shields
Robertson	Martin Dick
Robertson	Graeme Hannah
Supply Chain School	Andrew Wilson
Supply Chain School	Ian Heptonstall
SGN	Faye Tester
Zero Waste Scotland	Stephen Boyle
Zero Waste Scotland	Nick Ribbons

Apologies:

Marshalls	Matt Connell
CSIC	Jennifer Smart
Elliott UK	Catherine McFadzean
Skanska Cementation	Katie Atherton
ISG	Ross Wood
VGC	Sean Dempsey (furloughed)

Summary of Actions from this meeting:

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
Circulate final proposal for Funded Retrofit Programme – comments to be back with ZWS by 4 September	Andrew / All
SGN - information on clean gas development / pilots to be sent to Leadership Group. SGN are striving to help make hydrogen the backbone of the UK's future gas network. Aim = ensuring secure, low-cost, zero-carbon heat and transport fuel + a greener future for all.	Faye Tester
Review all Key Supplier lists for Scotland – Robertson, Balfour Beatty, BAM, Kier, Morgan Sindall, SGN, SP Energy Networks, ISG. Check they are accurate / ensure tagged for Scotland within dashboards. Particular support for SP Energy Networks to get their supplier list established.	Andrew + relevant Partners

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Pinpoint “laggards” within Key Supplier cohorts and sell benefits of learning with the School. Monitor new members joining and report back to next meeting. Aim = increase membership numbers, particularly among key suppliers to major partners.	Andrew + relevant Partners
Deliver Servitisation Workshop on 24 September. Decide on date for “Designing Out Waste” workshop in October and deliver in conjunction with Zero Waste Scotland.	Andrew / Zero Waste Scotland
Zero Waste Scotland to support delivery of Homes Plastic Data Collection Pilot, (to run from September – December 2020) and report back to Group at next meeting	Zero Waste Scotland
Kier – target of 50% of key suppliers to be Bronze level members by 2021. Andrew to work with Craig to support progress towards this target	Andrew / Craig (Kier)

Agenda and Notes from this meeting:

1. Notes and actions from last meeting / matters arising

Claire and Steven from SP Energy Networks were welcomed to the meeting.

Faye reported that meetings had taken place to progress carbon measurement / monitoring across the SGN supply chain

Other actions were either in progress or had been achieved. The “Covid-19 Phased Return in Scotland” panel session had taken place the previous day (26 August) with 17 delegates taking part.

2. Coronavirus Crisis

- Training Update – online offer
- Green Recovery / Sustainable Retrofit Programme
- How can the School support the Green Recovery?

Statistics were presented which demonstrated the amount of engagement and learning through the School during lockdown.

Many Scottish members had participated in a greater range of learning opportunities during the period, with online provision ensuring that all members in Scotland now have equal access to relevant training – as individual and corporate members.

In total, 307 learners from Scotland had participated in training activities so far this financial year (ie since 1 April 2020).

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All School training activities and sessions continue to be run online, and were promoted across all members through the events listing. Some sessions continue to be designed and developed particularly for the Scottish market – for example the Covid-19 event, and the **Sustainable Urban Regeneration** event in Aberdeenshire (delivered on 7 July with 31 participants).

The next events for the Scottish market were “**Servitisation in the Built Environment**” – organised in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland and running on 24 September. Also, a “**Design out Waste**” workshop will be run – provisional date mid-October. This could be repeated or expanded into a series of similar events based on the broad Circular Economy theme.

Stephen and Nick presented the latest proposal for a “Green Recovery / Sustainable Retrofit Public Funded Programme” – soon to be presented formally to Scottish Government. Partners discussed the proposal and were invited to give their support / comments back to Zero Waste Scotland by 4 September.

A key opportunity for the School was to support the Training and Skills workstream within the programme, if/when it goes ahead.

Discussion of the paper led to a broader debate about supporting the Green Recovery in Scotland. The Group advised to focus their influence on changing behaviours and increasing engagement with the School across their cohorts of Key Suppliers. A main action from the meeting was to review lists of Key Suppliers (in tandem with Partner account administrators) and review the tagging of companies within these lists, for accurate dashboard reporting.

3. Operational Update

- Performance & Impact – UK and Scotland
- Engaging Key Suppliers
- Business Plan – Updated August 2020
- Carbon – Update
- Waste - Update

An update on UK and Scottish performance was shared. Scotland currently has 201 active companies, from 766 corporate accounts (against Q1 target of 300 active members and overall yearly target of 500). 96 Key Suppliers were active (against target of 200). In total there are currently 445 Key Suppliers, and 277 of these have accounts with the School. This means there are 181 dormant / inactive accounts, and 168 Key Suppliers who have not yet signed up to the School. These groups of companies could be targeted individually, and Andrew will work with relevant Partners to do this.

The Climate Action group will meet again on 10 September. Good progress is being made with more Partners and suppliers/sub-contractors using the Carbon Reporting tool.

Results were shared from the Plastic Packaging Waste Baseline Survey, conducted between March and July 2020 with 101 responses. 22% of Partners have engaged with supply chain to increase recycled content and divert plastic waste from landfill. The business case for reducing use of plastic can be built by sharing knowledge and success from existing schemes and collaborative initiatives.

After receiving additional funding from Partners, the Homes Packaging Data Collection Trial was going ahead between September and December 2020. This work is bringing together the School and Zero Waste Scotland with three of the biggest homes companies in the UK: Bellway, Taylor Wimpey and Barratt. The study will be led by Valpak (owned by Reconomy, a School Partner).

Early results could be available to report and discuss during the next Leadership Group meeting.

4. AOB

There was no other business.

NB - DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Suggested as 26 November 2020 1400h-1600h Teams (or physical meeting if possible)