

Strategy Group for Scotland

NOTES and ACTIONS

28 May 2020 – 14.00h to 16.00h

Online - Microsoft Teams

Attending:

COMPANY	NAME
Kier	Craig McAndie
Elliott	Catherine McFadzean
Balfour Beatty	Jim Brannan
Marshalls	Matt Connell
Robertson	Martin Dick
CSIC	Jennifer Smart
Supply Chain School	Andrew Wilson
Supply Chain School	Ian Heptonstall
SGN	Faye Tester
Zero Waste Scotland	Stephen Boyle
Zero Waste Scotland	Nick Ribbons

By invitation: James Cadman and Charles Naud – Action Sustainability

Summary of Actions from this meeting:

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
Organise and run a market-specific webinar on Covid-19 best practice as phased operations resume in Scotland. This would complement similar online workshops / webinars being run by the School on a UK level, but focus on specific issues relevant to the Scottish Market	ANDREW
Highlight and promote the School resources (online training as well as other digital resources) which reflect member preference – as evidenced by recent E-Learning downloads/use, and the responses to the recent survey to understand supply chain priorities and challenges. These topics would include Lean Construction, Wellbeing, FIR, Sustainable Procurement, 5S, Sustainability Strategy...as well as core topics of Waste and Carbon	ANDREW
Contractor Partners can now work with relevant suppliers (from their key supplier lists) on carbon reporting, using the free tool available from the School	JIM, MARTIN, CRAIG
School can support (with individual introductory online training sessions) the adoption of carbon reporting / sustainability tool by Contractor Partners in Scotland, and their relevant suppliers	JAMES, CHARLES
SGN to arrange specific support to implement and use the carbon reporting tool	FAYE, JAMES

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Consider a re-run of the Members survey in Scotland (to assess / understand industry priorities for learning topics) when more people have returned to work and operations have resumed more generally in Scotland	ALL
Involve Balfour Beatty in the Aberdeen City and Shire Urban Regeneration Webinar, particularly to reference their work on Union Terrace	ANDREW, JIM
Provide names of colleagues from Partners who are involved in the Carbon SIG (Special Interest Group), so Scotland operations and key suppliers can become involved in use of carbon reporting tool	ANDREW
Update on status and progress of Plastic Waste Project to be sent before next meeting	NICK / STEPHEN
Andrew to send highlights of future online training (within the full offer of training available across the UK) to all Partners so this can be disseminated widely to industry in Scotland	ANDREW

Agenda and Notes from this meeting:

1. Notes and actions from last meeting / matters arising

SGN had reported back on key waste and carbon issues – which included plastic waste and embodied carbon reporting – both on the agenda for this meeting

2. Coronavirus Crisis

- School Response to Impact of Covid-19
- Training Update – online offer
- Survey Results – Scotland Members
- Emerging from Lockdown: Building a Strategy and Focus for Scotland

A report was received on the School’s experience and response during the coronavirus crisis, including the appetite for learning, the School’s new online training offer, a review of the resources being accessed online, and implications of CITB suspending its funding for non-core programmes.

Highlights of the training programme for period May-July 2020 were presented. Future training would include an Urban Regeneration webinar (“Business Bytes”) covering Aberdeen City and Shire, as well as a market-specific best practice session for companies returning to operations during the phased restart in Scotland

The School would not divert attention from its core mission to provide world-leading training resources and materials to upskill, expand and improve awareness, knowledge and performance on sustainability in the built environment.

The School can signpost industry to the available third-party resources and information on more general business support related to impact of Covid-19.

The survey was sent out in May to assess priorities for learning in future weeks/months as industry restarts in Scotland. This had a low response – mostly due to large amounts of workforce being furloughed. The Group would consider a re-run of this survey later in the year when operations had resumed in Scotland.

3. Operational Update

- Performance & Impact – UK and Scotland
- Engaging Key Suppliers
- School Impact – UK vs Scotland
- Tackling Plastic Waste

Slides covering performance of the School in Scotland against its main KPIs have been circulated to Partners, for their information.

Contractor Partners have been reminded of importance of ensuring all their current key suppliers are appropriately “tagged” within the School’s database, so that they are reflected in reporting and on the Partner dashboards.

A brief update was given on the collaborative pilot project to assess and reduce Plastic Waste in the industry – particularly among housebuilders. This project could influence future policy on plastic waste so has strategic importance to industry in Scotland. Partners included Barratt, Bellway, Robertson and Reconomy. A funding shortfall was currently being addressed.

4. Measuring and Reporting Supply Chain Carbon

- Presentation from Climate Action Group
- Action Planning

James Cadman and Charles Naud are Sustainability Consultants working with Action Sustainability and the School. The Sustainability Tool – specifically for measuring and reporting on embodied/supply chain carbon, is now been rolled out for general use by Contractors and their suppliers. This tool is free to use. Several Partners are engaged and involved at national level, and in Scotland the tool can now be used to measure, report and ultimately reduce supply chain carbon throughout the industry in Scotland.

5. AOB

There was no other business.

NB – DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Suggested as 27 August 2020 1400h-1600h with Teams.