

Planning for a Greener Southwest Scotland

A one-day conference exploring the use of environmental data in planning and decision-making in southwest Scotland

Monday 3rd November

10.00am–4.30pm

Lochside House Hotel, New Cumnock

Key speaker

Paul Wheelhouse MSP

Minister for
Environment and
Climate Change



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Scotland's natural environment is one of its finest assets. At present the way that information about key species and habitats is incorporated into the decision-making process varies greatly across the country. The conference will explore the issues relating to collating, sharing and using information about the natural environment in decision-making, the legal duties and responsibilities for organisations and highlight examples of best-practice.

Topics

- A Scottish Government view - Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Environment and Climate Change.
- The Scottish Biodiversity Strategy and the 'biodiversity duty' for public authorities.
- The National Biodiversity Network (NBN) and its role in data sharing
- Local hubs for environmental information – the role of local records centres.
- The Scottish Biodiversity Information Forum – bringing together data providers, managers and users to identify problems and solutions affecting the flow of environmental data.
- Use of environmental data in the planning process by developers and Local Authorities.

Venue

Lochside House Hotel is a stunning venue set in an outstanding loch-side location. Conveniently located just off the A76 NW of New Cumnock.
<http://www.lochside-hotel.com/>

Booking

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| Delegates | £25 |
| SUP member (individual/corporate) | Free |
| Speakers/invited guests | Free |

Bookings should be made online via the following website
<http://planninggreenerswscotland.eventbrite.co.uk>

For more information, please contact Mark Pollitt at DGERC (01387 760274 or info@dgerc.org.uk).

“Access to reliable, quality-assured information about Scotland’s environment, and how it is changing, is crucial to inform decision-making.”

2020 Challenge for Scotland's Biodiversity – The Scottish Government

Who should attend?

The conference will be relevant to anyone whose work involves making decisions that impact on the natural environment. In particular these include:

- Local authorities
- Government agencies
- Utility companies
- Forestry sectors (private and public)
- Environmental consultants
- Conservation organisations
- Land managers

About Southern Uplands Partnership

The Southern Uplands Partnership (SUP) is a company registered by guarantee with charitable status. It is active across the rural south of Scotland with projects undertaken in South and East Ayrshire, Dumfries & Galloway, South Lanarkshire and the Scottish Borders. It addresses practical land use issues faced by those working and living in the rural south of Scotland. SUP works to inform policy makers and to initiate sustainable social, economic and environmental projects.

For further information on joining SUP please visit:

<http://www.sup.org.uk/membership.asp>