

Working Groups – 4 Public Policy Opportunities 2021

Purpose of the Working Groups

To gather evidence and opinion to inform the development of a set of clear recommendations and an agreed SLA response to four upcoming landscape and place policy opportunities in order to strengthen the role in delivering Scotland's national outcomes and Scotland's contribution to embedding the principles of the European Landscape Convention and UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Proposed Structure of the Working Groups

Four time-limited working groups have been established and comprise approximately 6-12 individuals. Each working group has been assigned a Temporary Chair who is a member of the SLA Executive Committee. At the first meeting of the Group the Chair and a Vice Chair (if appropriate) will be agreed. The Groups will develop outputs that respond to the following current landscape and place policy opportunities

1. **30 by 30 Targets** – what does this mean for Scotland's protected areas and the integration of landscape and biodiversity whilst tackling climate change?
2. **Responding to the Social Renewable Advisory Board's Report "If not now, when?"** – how landscape can help address the issues of inequality and exclusion faced by those in our deprived communities/sectors through access to locally available, quality greenspace and green infrastructure for climate adaptation, health and wellbeing, recreation, learning, play, food growing and community cohesion.
3. **The Draft Climate Action Plan and the Just Transition Commission's Report** – developing an approach to large scale landscape change to meet the future pressures from agriculture, renewables and forestry and to support related rural employment– the approach to large scale landscape change from agriculture, renewables and forestry.
4. **The Environment Strategy** – developing landscape indicators to link to the Strategy Vision as well as our National Outcomes and the UNSDG

Method of Working & Timeframe

Working groups are expected to meet online for a period of 1 month (number of meetings determined by the Chair) At the end of that period all working groups will come together to share and debate outcomes at an event on 7th October 2021. At the end of September Chairs will report their findings to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will oversee collation of the working group reports after the debate for final publication. at the end of 2021