



SFT CORPORATE PRIORITIES



SFT Outcomes

Demonstrating progress with impact

PRIMARY OUTCOME



INFRASTRUCTURE-RELATED CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS ARE REDUCED.

SECONDARY OUTCOMES



Green Growth Accelerator set to deliver net zero infrastructure

The Green Growth Accelerator (GGA) is a Scottish Government led programme, aimed at unlocking £200 million of additional investment across local authority infrastructure projects to support Scotland's transition to an inclusive, net zero emissions economy.

The GGA was announced in Scottish Government's 2019/20 Programme for Government and has been consistently referenced in policy documents as a component of Scotland's toolbox to reach Net Zero by 2045.

Building on SFT's work in developing and delivering the Growth Accelerator programme for local authorities to use as a way of unlocking greater economic growth (to date over £1bn of private sector investment has been made into Edinburgh's St James Quarter and Dundee City's V&A) SFT was asked to provide support to Scottish Government's Climate Change Division in designing the programme.

In June 2021, the first call for pathfinder projects was publicised with six successful projects announced in September 2021.

SFT has been providing Scottish Government's Climate Change Division with key support, that included designing the programme and supporting the call for projects and is now working with local authorities to build appropriate pipeline as well as planning the future GGA programme.

SFT also played a key role in bringing various departments within Scottish Government together, including the Climate Change Division, the Infrastructure Investment Division, the Office of the Chief Economic Advisor and other interested parties including Transport Scotland.

The six pathfinder projects are now in development and at least one heat network expansion project will progress, working towards full grant agreement by 2022/23.

SFT is now also working with several councils and their partners on the potential to adopt the GGA to support the expansion of their existing heat networks.