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Partnership working and sharing learning are key to addressing net zero challenge

PRIMARY OUTCOME

SECONDARY

OUR CORPORATE PRIORITIES

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IMPROVED COHERENCE, PACE & PLACEMAKING ACROSS MAJOR DEVELOPMENT

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NET
ZERO



SUSTAINABLE
PLACES



INCLUSIVE
GROWTH



Everyone is facing unprecedented challenges in response to the climate emergency and Scottish Government has set an ambitious target of achieving net zero emissions across all public buildings by 2045.

While 2045 may be some way off, steps need to be taken now to reach that target date.

The Scottish Futures Trust-managed hub Programme has been running across the whole of Scotland for some 12 years and is split across five territories – South East, North, East Central, West and South West.

The premise behind the Programme is based on a partnership between public sector organisations (local authorities, NHS Boards, blue light services etc) in a specific territory appointing a private sector development partner to deliver new community public buildings such as schools and health centres.

During the year, our hub Territory Programme Director working with hub North, BE-ST (Built Environment, Smarter Transformation) and the Innovation School at Glasgow School of Art (GSA), brought the public and private partners together in the region to accelerate the drive towards building a low carbon future for the North of Scotland.



This unique partnership between public and private sector organisations is now paving the way to using low carbon construction solutions to tackle critical issues such as the housing crisis while helping to meet key national policy aims around net zero carbon emissions, place-making and ensuring economic outcomes benefit everyone.

They have worked together to develop a three-strand programme to be implemented across the hub North territory, which stretches from Argyll and Bute in the West to Orkney and Shetland in the North and Aberdeen in the East, and includes 16 public bodies covering local authorities, health boards as well as the police, fire, and ambulance services.

The three strands – leadership, learning, and low carbon construction – are being used to establish not only how to meet net zero carbon planning challenges, but also how to do so in new and innovative ways.

Whilst still in its infancy, the programme is making strong headway, where under the Learning strand of the programme, 169 young people have been trained on Passivhaus skills and digital net zero skills and are now developing a ‘train and trainer’ model to allow accelerated growth of this strand.

Angela Scott, Aberdeen City Council Chief Executive, said: *“The support from the hub Programme team has allowed us to build an approach to bring people from across the territory to work together and develop a programme of collaborations which is very exciting to see. The hub team will continue to support us into the implementation of these to ensure these collaborations stand the best chance of success.”*

Public sector partners

Aberdeen City Council
Aberdeenshire Council
The Moray Council
The Highland Council
Argyll and Bute Council
Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar
Orkney Islands Council
Shetland Islands Council
NHS Shetland
NHS Orkney
NHS Western Isles
NHS Highland
NHS Grampian
Police Scotland
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Scottish Ambulance