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We have great pleasure in welcoming you to the Holyrood "Decarbonising Scotland" event. Part of our Climate Emergency Series.

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# DECARBONISING SCOTLAND

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26 JANUARY 2021 | 10:00 - 14:50

Following our kick-off event on the Green Recovery to our Climate Emergency series in the lead-up to COP26 in Glasgow, in November 2021, and the Scottish Government's (forthcoming/recent) publication of their Updated Climate Change Plan, Holyrood Events will take a sectoral focus on how we bridge the implementation gap and put this into practice as we decarbonize Scotland.

Particularly in this moment, where there is the determination to Build Back Better, and implement a Green Recovery, there is a clear need to understand how we decarbonize our country for this and our strategic net-zero objectives.

There will be a policy outlook but also an array of speakers talking about practical application of it and best practice for Scotland to learn from and follow.

## EVENT AGENDA

### 10:00 CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

#### Professor Dave Reay

Director, Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation; Policy Director, ClimateXChange & Professor of Carbon Management & Education, University of Edinburgh

### 10:10 CONTEXT: SCOTLAND, NET-ZERO BY 2045; LEADING THE UK AND LEADING THE WORLD?

#### 10:10 Aileen McLeod

Special Advisor, Club of Rome; Former Environment Minister, the Scottish Government & Former MEP

#### 10:30 Teresa Bray

Chief Executive, Changeworks

#### Q&A

### 11:00 COMFORT BREAK

### 11:15 DECARBONISING SCOTLAND'S HEAT SYSTEMS

#### Session Chair: Professor Keith Bell

Member & Co-Director, Committee on Climate Change & UK Energy Research Centre

#### 11:15 Heather Jones

Programme Manager - Scotland, Salix Finance

#### 11:30 Councillor Jim Thomson

Convener, Environment & Infrastructure Committee, Stirling Council

#### Q&A

### 12:00 LUNCH

### 12:40 DECARBONISING SCOTLAND'S CITIES

#### 12:40 Councillor Susan Aitken

Leader, Glasgow City Council

#### 12:55 Grant Ervin

Chief Resilience Officer & Assistant Director, Department of Planning, City of Pittsburgh

#### 13:10 Q&A

#### 13:30 Craig McLaren

Director, RTPI Scotland & Ireland

### 13:45 DECARBONISING SCOTLAND'S TRANSPORT

#### Brendan Rooney

Climate Change Lead, Transport Scotland

#### Q&A

### 14:10 CLOSING KEYNOTE: DELIVERY OF NET-ZERO BY 2045 - GOVERNMENT POLICY PRIORITIES

#### Roseanna Cunningham MSP

Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, The Scottish Government

#### Q&A

### 14:45 CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

#### Professor Dave Reay

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### 14:50 END OF MEETING

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