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OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FOR GREENER CITIES



CONFERENCES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF GREEN PBS
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**Green Participatory Budgeting:
What is it and what role can it play in supporting climate action?**

Thursday 17th November 2022

SCDC

SCDC is the lead body for community development in Scotland. We work to our vision of an active, inclusive and just Scotland where our communities are strong, equitable and sustainable.

We work directly with:

- Community groups and organisations
- Community development practitioners
- Government and other policy makers
- Local partnerships and agencies across Scotland who want to involve communities in their work

We also support [PBScotland](#) and the [Green PB Action Group](#)

Formed in 1994, we are a charity and Company Limited by Guarantee based in Glasgow. With staff with a wealth of experience and backgrounds, we bring our firm commitment to the values and principles of community development to all aspects of our work.

What is PB and what does it look like?

PB is essentially a way for people to decide on how public money should be spent. Participatory budgeting allows people to identify, discuss, and prioritise public spending projects, and gives them the power to make real decisions about how money is spent.

In Scotland this looks like:

- ▶ **Small Grants PB** - Use of small pots of money/grants
- ▶ **Mainstreaming Participatory Budgeting** - The public decides where public money is spent through a fair and transparent process (including deliberation and voting)

Participatory Budgeting Charter for Scotland

Making good PB happen



Key Features of PB

The PB Charter outlines the key principles underpinning PB as follows:

PB should be ...

- ▶ Fair and inclusive
- ▶ Participatory
- ▶ Deliberative
- ▶ Empowering
- ▶ Creative and flexible
- ▶ Transparent
- ▶ Part of our democracy

Benefits of PB

- ❑ build strong relationships between people, communities and public organisations;
- ❑ build trust between people and make joint action possible;
- ❑ encourage democratic participation by reducing barriers to involvement and making sure that everyone who wants to take part can do so;
- ❑ target resources to where they are most needed;
- ❑ encourage the testing of new ideas to help transform communities in a positive way; and;
- ❑ make sure that everyone who is affected can see how decisions about budgets are taken, how money is spent, and what happens as a result;

What and Why Green PB?

The use of PB principles and processes to increase opportunities for communities and citizens to have a greater say in how money is spent to achieve climate action and just transition goals.

- ▶ Shifting local attitudes and increasing both awareness and understanding of Climate Change and associated issues
- ▶ Presenting opportunities for people who want to be part of the climate change solution to turn their sense of joint responsibility into a real purpose
- ▶ Reducing carbon footprints and contribute to the net-zero agenda for Scotland whilst improving the health and wellbeing of both local people and their communities.
- ▶ Encouraging creative ideas about local climate change opportunities and generating sustainable projects for local benefit that have a measurable effect on the quality of life, carbon footprint and polluting emissions of local areas.

National PB Journey?

- Since 2014/15, SG has invested £6.5 million through the Community Choices Fund with local authorities providing match funding of almost £1.5m
- Mainstreaming Budgets. Agreement in October 2017 between the Scottish Government (SG) and COSLA that at least 1% of council budgets will be subject to PB by 2020/21 (although with some flexibility due to the impact of COVID-19)
- Participatory Budgetary recognised by the Just Transition Commission as a way forward:

“Recommendation 13. To place people at the centre of local climate action, Scottish Government and COSLA should implement Green Participatory Budgeting with explicit recognition of just transition principles, and agree to target levels of funding”.

Green PB National Commitment

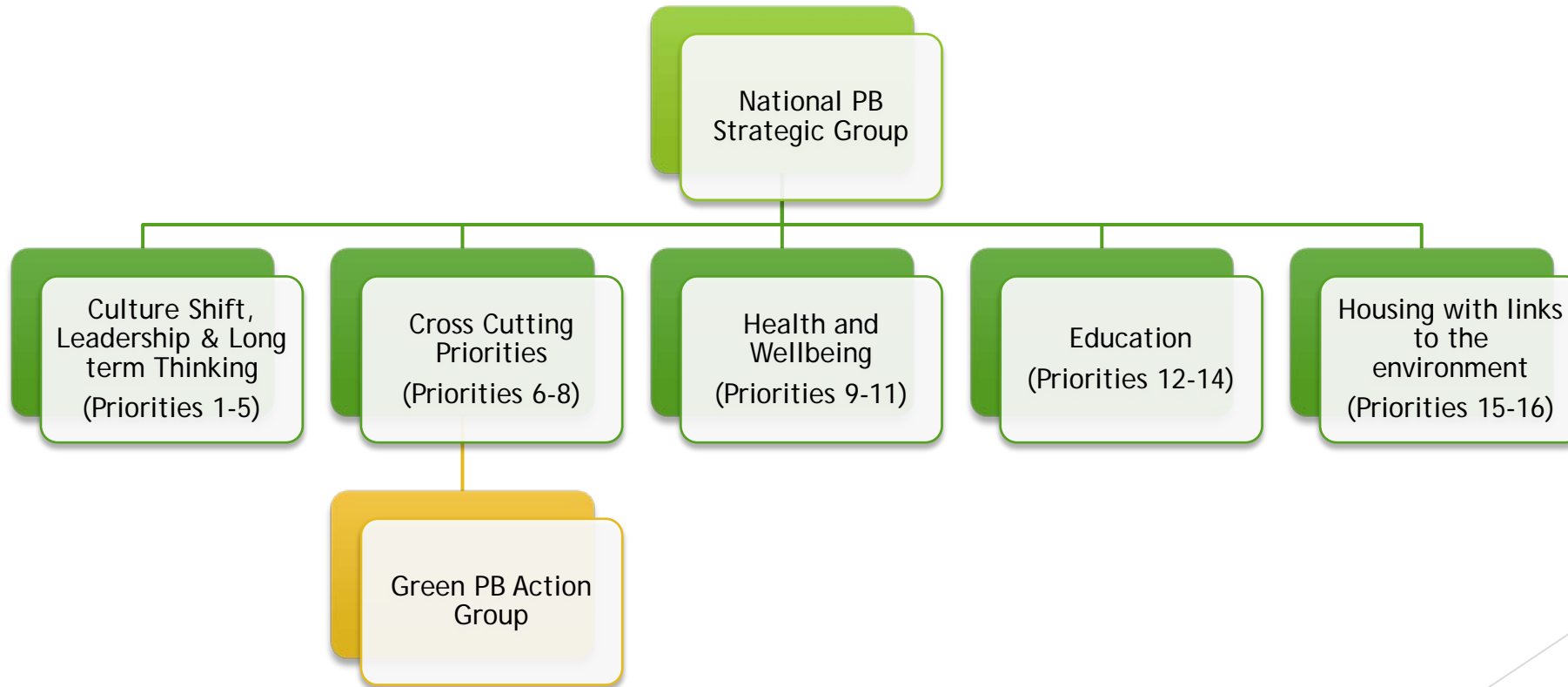
Programme for Government

A Fairer, Greener Scotland Programme for Government 2021-22
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Implement Green Participatory Budgeting with agreed target levels of funding

We will explore the use of Participatory Budgeting in 2021-22 as part of our wider support for community-led climate action. We will also identify opportunities at COP26 to develop the concept of Participatory Budgeting for climate action – both in Scotland and abroad – and identify opportunities to develop programmes specifically involving schools and young people. We will work with local authorities to embed climate principles into wider participatory budgeting initiatives, building on the agreement between the Scottish Government and COSLA that at least 1% of council budgets will be subject to Participatory Budgeting by 2021-22.

Structures



PB Strategic Framework

Priority 1: A shared understanding of PB

Priority 2: Making the links to the National Performance Framework

Priority 3: Addressing inequalities

Priority 4: Continuous learning

Priority 5: Holding PB processes directly

Priority 6: Evidence the long-term impact

Priority 7: Climate justice

Priority 8: PB supporting equalities and rights-based budgeting

Priority 9: Public sector collaboration

Priority 10: Sustainable transport

Priority 11: Health and Social Care

Priority 12: PB across education

Priority 13: PB in Schools

Priority 14: PB addressing the attainment gap

Priority 15: Engaging in housing

Priority 16: PB and homelessness



▶ PB in Practice

Scottish Examples - Green PB



Dundee Climate Fund

JUSTTRANSITION
PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND

Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot

Aberdeenshire
Voluntary Action

acvo
Aberdeen's 3rd sector interface

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MORAY

NESCAN
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Scottish
Community
Development
Centre

www.nescan.org

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▶ Funding PB

Traditional Vs Innovation

- ▶ National & Local Funders
- ▶ Additional Funding Opportunities
- ▶ Creating your own income

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▶ To the Future

Funding from Scottish Government to focus on Green PB to:

- ▶ Stimulate new Green PB processes
- ▶ Consolidate existing Green PB work
- ▶ Develop key learning on how Participatory Budgeting can play a key role in achieving a just transition to net zero



Areas of Focus

Work with local authorities to support Green PB as part of their mainstream PB approaches

Strengthening emerging place-based initiatives and to develop PB processes as part of this.

Work with young people to build on existing and developing activity around climate action and PB.

Supporting the National PB Strategic Group's Cross Cutting Priorities sub-group

If you have any questions...

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