

# GREEN PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN SCOTLAND



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# 1. PB JOURNEY TO DATE



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EMPOWERMENT

LOCAL GOVERNANCE  
REVIEW

OPEN  
GOVERNMENT

COLLECTIVE  
LEADERSHIP

THIRD SECTOR



# COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT TEAM

## Policy responsibilities include:

- Co-ordinate review of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
- Asset Transfer Legislation
- Participation Requests Legislation
- Participatory Budgeting
- Oversight of Community Councils
- Embedding Community Empowerment
- Supporting national organisations working at grass roots level



# DRIVERS FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Asset  
Transfer

Participatio  
n Requests

Participatory  
Budgeting

Community  
Councils

Local  
Governance  
Review

Open  
Government  
Partnership

Community  
Right to Buy

Regeneration  
Funding

Community  
Wealth  
Building

Community  
Planning



# CONTINUED POLICY DRIVE

1% Framework Agreement



PB Charter



National PB Strategic Group

Shared learning



PB in Schools



National PB Framework **7**

Priority 7: Climate justice

The Strategic Group finds the best role for PB in a cross-cutting issue of climate justice with a focus on a Just Transition with opportunities for participation in tackling climate change.

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT



COSLA





# NATIONAL PB STRATEGIC GROUP

## Future Priorities for PB in Scotland

The **National Participatory Budgeting Strategic Group** has published a framework for the future of participatory budgeting (PB) in Scotland. The framework sets out shared intentions and ambitions for PB and, looking ahead, outlines a series of priority recommendations to be carried forward.

This **strategic framework** is a key document that underlines how we can evolve PB into a central way for decisions to be made in Scotland.



### Background:

- Established in September 2020
- To deliberate and drive forward the strategic direction of PB in Scotland.

### Ambition:

- "[...] that in five years' time, PB will be part of the core infrastructure of a constantly renewing democratic and community life across Scotland"

### 'Framework for the Future of PB in Scotland':

- 5 Themes: culture shift; **climate justice**; education; health and wellbeing; and housing.
- 16 Priorities



# Framework for the Future of PB in Scotland

## THEME

## PRIORITIES

CULTURE SHIFT,  
LEADERSHIP & LONG  
TERM THINKING

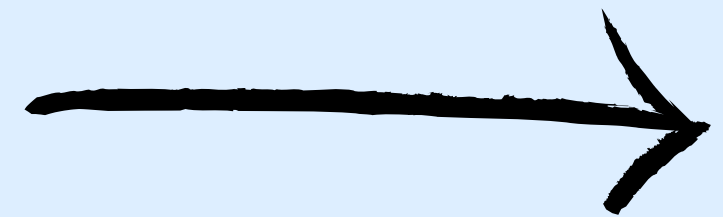


- More explicit links to the National Performance Framework and Community Empowerment, integrating PB with wider policy development and implementation.
- That PB is constantly tested against a broader ambition of ensuring that our democracy is addressing and responding to the exclusion of marginalised groups.
- Continuous learning through evaluation.
- Encourages Scottish Government to hold PB processes directly.

CROSS-CUTTING  
PRIORITIES



- Evidence the long term impact of PB processes in a range of sectors including health, social care, education, housing as well as on democracy.
- Find the best role for PB in a cross-cutting issue of climate justice.
- Lead the way to develop PB that compliments and supports equalities and rights based budgeting.



HEALTH &  
WELLBEING



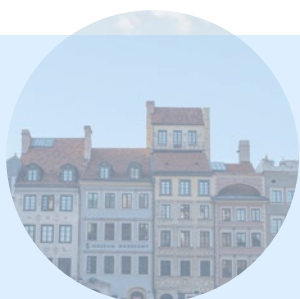
- Public Sector Partners use PB to collaborate more effectively with the community.
- Use PB to create opportunities for direct participation in decisions around sustainable transport options.
- Supports the Independent Review of Adult Social Care's recommendation to explore PB for better participation in decision making.

EDUCATION



- Support high quality PB processes in education.
- Particular focus on developing PB further in secondary schools.
- Use PB to address challenges of poverty and inequality of children by sharing decision making on the allocation of the Pupil Equity Fund.

HOUSING



- Housing providers to use PB to engage with tenants and the wider community in the allocation of funds.
- Develop ways to include PB within efforts to end homelessness through a co-productive approach alongside people with lived experience of homelessness, front line workers, services and communities.

## 2 . SCOTLAND'S CLIMATE COMMITMENT



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# 1. POLITICAL COMMITMENTS

## Net Zero Scotland

- In 2019, Scotland declared a climate emergency.
- Deliver a just transition to net zero by 2045, with an ambitious target of a 75% reduction in emissions by 2030.
- Commitment to a net zero and climate resilient future in a way that is fair and just for everyone.

## Community Empowerment

"when leaders like me listen to you, genuinely listen to people's voices... then I believe that will and certainly should lead to fairer outcomes, and outcomes that are respected more by everybody whose lives are impacted by them"



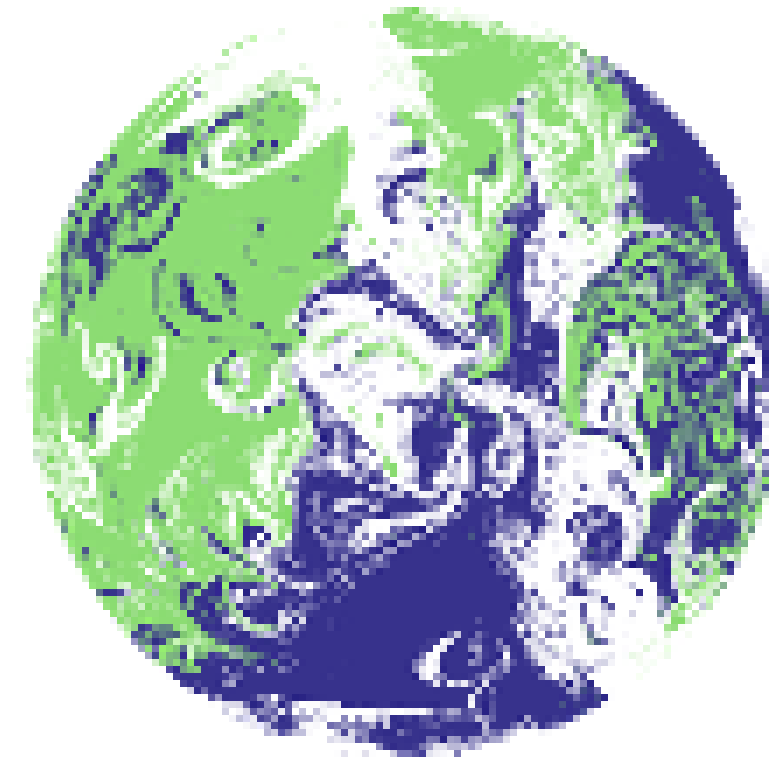
FIRST MINISTER, NICOLA STURGEON  
COP26 GLOBAL ASSEMBLY SPEECH  
1 NOVEMBER 2021

# COP26 IN GLASGOW



## The role of communities in a Just Transition

Exploring the potential of Green Participatory Budgeting



## UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE UK 2021

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY



[...] Given the opportunity, local communities can develop effective solutions that respond to local needs while also helping tackle wider societal issues, such as climate change.

Tom Arthur, MSP  
Minister for Public Finance, Planning &  
Community Wealth



# PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT 2021/22

- Explore the use of PB as part of wider support for community-led climate action.
- Identify opportunities at COP26 to develop PB for climate action -identifying opportunities to develop programmes specifically involving schools and young people.
- Continue work with councils to embed climate principles into wider participatory budgeting initiatives.



# 3 . PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR GREEN PB



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# JUST TRANSITION FUND

- North East - carbon intensive economy, reliant on oil and gas industry
- Just Transition ten year £500 million capital fund in the North East of Scotland
- £1 million (from £20 million) ring fenced for PB
- Ensuring "no one is left behind"



**JUST TRANSITION**  
PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUND



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# SUMMARY



We have a legal commitment to ending Scotland's contribution to global climate change by 2045.

It is imperative that communities are empowered to play their full part in this collective journey to net zero.

Green PB is an important tool among other methods to strengthen participatory democracy and tackle the subsequent climate agenda.

Value partnership approach in learning from other nations about the use of PB in addressing climate change.

THANK YOU

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