

A just transition in Built Environment and Construction

Theme 1: Procurement as a lever for the transition



Government spending makes up nearly half of all money spent in the construction sector. How can Scottish Government spend better to drive positive change in the sector and make low carbon options commonplace?

Related Outcomes:

- 'Jobs, Skills and Economic Opportunities',
- 'Environment, Biodiversity and Adaptation'

Theme 2: Building a skilled labour force



We need to upskill the existing workforce at the right time, tackle any obstacles stopping workers getting the training they need, and attract new and diverse talent in. What is needed to tackle recruitment challenges and how do we make the sector fairer at the same time, building on the Fair Work Convention's report?²

Related Outcomes:

- 'Jobs, Skills and Economic Opportunities',
- 'People and Equity'

Theme 3: An innovative, internationally competitive industry



We need to create the right conditions to enable innovative low carbon products and services to scale up and get to market in Scotland, effectively harnessing the transition to net zero within Scotland to drive growth domestically and increase export internationally. What will be needed to deliver this? How can we encourage the sector and its clients to move to more sustainable methods and improve the performance of our buildings?

Related Outcomes:

- 'Jobs, Skills and Economic Opportunities',
- 'Environment, Biodiversity and Adaptation'

See more details in our discussion paper here:



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Theme 4: Delivering consistent, sustainable standards

Good design stands to benefit both people and planet, by delivering buildings that meet our needs and make better use of our resources. What can we do to enhance current practice in the sector to improve our homes and buildings? How can we drive uptake of embodied carbon accounting more widely in the industry to improve emissions reporting?

Related Outcomes:

- 'People and Equity',
- 'Environment, Biodiversity and Adaptation'



Theme 5: Maximising the manufacturing base in Scotland

The scale of action required to transition our built environment to net zero offers significant opportunities for developing our industrial base and local supply chains. How can we correctly sequence interventions to drive wider economic benefits from the transition?

Related Outcomes:

• 'Jobs, Skills and Economic Opportunities'