

MANIFESTOS FOR CLEAN GROWTH?

BRIEFING

How are the commitments in the manifestos of Scotland's major political parties shaping up against the ideas and recommendations in SCDI's [Manifesto for Clean Growth](#) ahead of May Scottish Parliament election?

| POLICY AREA | SCDI <i>Manifesto for Clean Growth</i> | SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY <i>Scotland's Future</i> | SCOTTISH GREEN PARTY <i>Our Common Future</i> | SCOTTISH LIBERAL DEMOCRATS <i>Put Recovery First</i> | SCOTTISH CONSERVATIVES <i>Rebuild Scotland</i> | SCOTTISH LABOUR <i>TBC</i> |
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| PEOPLE / SKILLS | <p>All schools, colleges, universities, training providers and employers should embed core green skills and carbon literacy across curricula, professional learning and work-based learning</p> <p>Scottish Government should create a Reskilling and Upskilling Fund which empowers every Scottish</p> | <p>We will deliver the £100 Green Jobs Fund</p> <p>We support the inclusion of the climate emergency and ecological crisis in teacher training and a new professional teaching qualification to help the continued upskilling of educators</p> | <p>We will retain and grow the Green Jobs Fund and Green Jobs Workforce Academy</p> <p>We will establish a centre of excellence to deliver a technical skills programme for green manufacturing</p> | <p>We will increase the capacity of schools to teach about the climate emergency by increasing the support given in initial teacher training and providing additional subject-specific materials</p> | <p>We will will introduce a Right to Retrain Account for every single Scottish adult by 2023, containing £500 to be spent on training every year. We will fund 100,000 accounts as a pilot in 2021 and 2022</p> | |

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| | adult to fund reskilling or upskilling opportunities at any stage of their life or career | | | | | |
| FINANCE | UK Government should work with industry and devolved administrations to agree a new carbon pricing mechanism which aligns with Net Zero – potentially a carbon tax and carbon border tax | | We support the partial replacement of corporation tax at the UK level with a carbon tax that increases over time in line with our climate targets | | | |
| BUILDINGS | Scottish Government should create new incentives and regulations to increase private investment in retrofit, energy efficiency and low-carbon heat as an urgent priority | We will decarbonise the heating of 1 million homes by 2030 with investment of £1.6bn | We will invest £3bn in warm and zero-carbon homes and Buildings and leverage £7.5bn in private Investment | We will declare home insulation a national strategic priority and set a target to have covered the whole country by 2030 | | |
| | Scottish Government should increase public investment in retrofit, energy efficiency and | We will create a new dedicated national public energy agency to | We will significantly and urgently scale-up existing energy efficiency and | We will switch a million homes from polluting mains gas to heat pumps by 2030 | | |

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| | low-carbon heat programmes as an urgent priority | coordinate and accelerate delivery of heat and energy efficiency work | green heat programmes | | | |
| | Scottish Government should provide strategic ambition, regulatory certainty, support businesses to adapt and innovate and implement an ambitious Net Zero Standard for all new buildings by 2023 | | We will support a ban on new fossil fuel boilers from 2025 for buildings off the gas grid, and 2028 for all buildings | | | |
| PLANNING / PLACE | National Planning Framework 4 should recognise a presumption in favour for Net Zero developments within the context of plan-led development | | We will establish a Scotland-wide programme of 'people and place centred industrial strategies' | We will create a Brownfield First policy under which planning applicants should demonstrate that no brownfield land is available for their proposal before permission can be granted on greenfield sites | | |
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| | | | to make it faster and easier to get consent for onshore wind in suitable areas | | | |
| | <p>Transport Scotland should identify places as pilots for implementation and proof of concept for 20 minute neighbourhoods</p> <p>Local authorities should develop Green Town/City Plans for Scotland's major towns and cities with support from Scottish Government</p> | We will take forward our ambitions for 20-minute neighbourhoods | We will make 15-minute neighbourhoods a key principle in Scotland's Planning Policy Framework and create a town and city centre green transformation fund | | | |
| WASTE / CIRCULAR ECONOMY | <p>Scottish Government should set a national target to reduce the proportion of waste exported from Scotland and invest in strengthening domestic recycling</p> | We will bring forward a Circular Economy Bill to advance Scotland's ambitions for the circular economy | We will introduce a Circular Economy Bill with targets to reduce our overall consumption of raw materials, our carbon | We will introduce a Circular Economy Law including targets that reduce the emissions produced in creating everything we consume | We will introduce a Circular Economy Bill | |

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| | capacity and expertise | | footprint, and a duty to produce Resource Reduction Plans | | | |
| | | We will implement our ambitious Deposit Return Scheme | We will replace landfill tax with a local waste disposal tax to disincentivise incineration and waste exports | We will look to achieve circular economy commitments from industries and major public sector resource consumers such as the NHS | | |
| | The Scottish Government should ban the use of major single-use plastics | We will end the supply and manufacture of single-use plastics in Scotland | We will phase out pointless plastics, including single-use, non-essential plastics that can easily be replaced by 2025 | Our aim is to end the mainstream use of single-use plastics | | |
| ENERGY / RENEWABLES | Industry should work with Scottish Government to build an internationally competitive domestic | We aim to generate 50% of Scotland's overall energy consumption from renewable sources by 2030 and by | We will set conditions for Scottish content in supply chains where possible, including through | We will set a new target for 100% of energy generated in Scotland to come from renewables by 2030 | | |

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| | supply chain for renewable energy manufacturing and increase local content in equipment and the use of local people UK Government, Scottish Government, Ofgem and local authorities should work together to accelerate, prioritise and support the delivery of renewable energy projects | 2050 we aim to have decarbonised our energy system almost completely | leasing processes and directly invest in deployment of innovative renewables and their supply chains where Scotland can be a world-leader and build an export industry | | | |
| | | We will work with companies in high carbon industries like oil and gas to develop new technologies or access new low-carbon markets for their products, both nationally and internationally | We will target sourcing at least 70% of the onshore wind supply chain domestically | We will lead a Scotland-wide effort to scale-up capacity in domestic supply chains and compete with the world | | |
| | Scottish Government should deliver an integrated Energy Strategy with the ambition of establishing Scotland as a global CCS pioneer | | | We will oppose public investment in CCS | | |
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| | <p>Scottish Government should extend and expand the Energy Transition Fund to invest in Clean Growth innovation across the energy sector</p> | | <p>Government to stop issuing new licenses for oil and gas exploration and development, revoke undeveloped licenses and end subsidies and tax breaks for the oil and gas industry. We will challenge the Scottish Government's backdoor funding of the oil and gas sector through channels such as the Oil and Gas Technology Centre</p> | | | |
| <p>TRANSPORT</p> | <p>Industry should work with Scottish Government and local authorities to accelerate the building of a national network of EV and Ultra-Fast charging and hydrogen</p> | | <p>We will ensure all public sector bodies will procure electric vehicles or explain why not</p> | <p>We will ensure every new vehicle purchased for the public sector will be low carbon by 2026</p> | <p>We will produce An ambitious new electric vehicle action plan is required to deliver a complete national charging infrastructure by 2025</p> | |

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| | refuelling points as an urgent priority | | | | | |
| | Scottish Government should support green air travel and accelerated production of sustainable aviation fuels | We will continue our work to pilot low or zero emission planes between Scotland's islands | We will replace air passenger duty with a frequent flyer levy with H&I exemptions | We will introduce a frequent flyer levy to replace air passenger duty with H&I exemptions | We support maintaining parity with the rest of the UK on Air Departure Tax | |
| | The Scottish Government should set a world-leading national target of Net Zero domestic connectivity by 2030, ensure transport spending reflects the sustainable transport hierarchy and expand investment in decarbonised public transport | | We will support smart, integrated ticketing across public transport | We will bring operators together to create single through-tickets and swipe cards that work for buses, trains and ferries across Scotland | We will introduce a Scottish Smart Travel Card which would enable passengers to use all types of domestic transport anywhere in Scotland with one contactless card | |
| | | We will bring ScotRail into public ownership and decarbonise Scotland's railways by 2035 | We will seek to merge ScotRail and Network Rail (Scotland) into one publicly owned company and invest £22bn in renewing and | We support the investment in the A9, A96 and the A82 and A83 corridors | We will reopen rail lines and stations to support local growth | |

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| | | | expanding our railways | | | |
| | | | | We will reintroduce local regulation and control of bus services | We will invest £200m in a Road Maintenance Fund | |
| JUST TRANSITION | We need to deliver a Just Transition which leaves no one and no community behind | We will implement the recommendations of the Just Transition Commission and will maintain the commission to advise us throughout the next Parliament | We will turn the Just Transition Commission into a statutory body to protect the rights of future generations and oversee the transition to net zero | We will establish a successor to the Just Transition Commission, with a membership that includes affected workers and communities, trade unions and environmental interests | We will create a network of Job Security Councils to swiftly find new opportunities for laid-off workers and ensure that skills are retained in key sectors of our economy | |
| | | We will appoint a Minister of Just Transition with responsibility for overseeing a 'national mission' of fairness and opportunity as we move to net zero | We will establish worker-led just transition boards for Mossmorran and Grangemouth | We will take special care to give the regions of Scotland heavily invested in fossil fuels a fair transition to new industries which use their immense technical, scientific and engineering skills | We will ensure that the Scottish Government is a partner in the North Sea Transition Deal | |

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| | | <p>We will work with trade unions, businesses and communities, to bring forward sectoral Just Transition plans, charting the transition of sites, industries, regions and communities. We will develop a robust monitoring framework</p> | <p>We will deliver workforce retraining programmes to retain the local skilled workforce for the rollout of net-zero projects</p> | | | |
| <p>HYDROGEN</p> | <p>Scottish Government should invest in innovation, infrastructure and incentives to scale-up green and blue hydrogen production and use</p> | <p>We will set a target to have renewable and low-carbon hydrogen production capacity of at least 5GW by 2030; support the Levenmouth demonstration project; explore the use of hydrogen trains as an alternative to diesel and electrification – at least one pilot</p> | <p>We will withdraw support for hydrogen produced from fossil fuels and instead support green hydrogen</p> | <p>We will make sure Scotland takes forward an ambitious strategy for using hydrogen for diverse energy needs</p> | <p>We will make the adoption of green hydrogen a priority and promote hydrogen fuel vehicles</p> | |

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| | | service to be in operation by 2026 | | | | |
| NATURE | Scottish Government should recognise the nature emergency and set ambitious nature targets to reverse biodiversity loss | We will invest an additional £500 million in our natural economy to help tackle the biodiversity crisis | We will introduce legally binding nature recovery targets | We will declare a nature emergency to tackle the loss of species in Scotland | We will bring forward an ambitious Nature Bill to strengthen environmental protections on land and sea for Scottish species and their habitats | |
| | Scottish Government expand investment in peatland restoration and enhance regulatory protections for peatlands including a ban on damaging practices such as burning and extraction | We will publish a new biodiversity strategy within 12 months of the biodiversity COP, and remain committed to protecting at least 30% of Scotland's land by 2030 | We will invest at least £895m over the next five years in restoring nature whilst investing in rural communities | We will propose a Nature Recovery Law to set legal targets and protect peatlands and expand woodlands | We will end peat extraction and aim to increase peatland restoration to 20,000 hectares annually by 2024-25 | |
| | | We will ensure that every Local Authority area will have a Nature Network of new, locally driven projects | We will invest £145m to restore our peatlands, putting us on target to restore all peatland by 2030 and introduce bans | | We would establish Nature Networks across Scotland | |

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| | | | on peatland extraction and burning | | | |
| | Scottish Government should accelerate and improve existing grant schemes to support landowners, local authorities and communities to meet targets for woodland creation | We will establish a National Register of Ancient Woodlands and work with owners and agencies to maintain and protect them | We will oppose greenwashing arrangements between Scottish Government and the industry, including the sale of carbon from public forests as offsets to Shell and BP | | | |
| | Scottish Government should propose a new system of farm support payments which protects and restores biodiversity, support innovative and sustainable food production with strengthened advisory services for farmers and crofters | | We will deliver a £20m per year Land Advisory Service for the roll out of climate-friendly farming practices | | | |
| GLOBAL / COP26 | Scotland should collaborate with international | Appoint 'Environmental Champions' | We will create a new climate, energy and just | | We will use COP26 as an | |

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| | partners to achieve global Net Zero, deliver Climate Justice and make COP26 in Glasgow a success | experts from around the world, to advise SG on international best practice and report at COP26 | transition committee that reports to Scottish Ministers and replaces the UK Committee on Climate Change | | opportunity to showcase Scotland as a world leader in tackling climate change and on environmental delivery | |
| | | Publish 'Scotland's contribution to the Paris Agreement – an indicative NDC', which will centre on Scotland's world-leading target to reduce emissions by 75% by 2030 | | We support calls from environmental stakeholders to develop and promote an indicative NDC for Scotland | | |
| | | We will double our Climate Justice Fund to £24m over four years | | | | |