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Scottish Division
Annual Review
2008

Environmental Protection UK's vision is of a cleaner, quieter, healthier world.

We bring together environmental professionals, industry, policy makers, academics and the public to inform debate, influence changes to policy and practice and to educate in the areas of

Air quality and climate change

Land quality

Noise

We are a national membership based charity and have been playing a leading role in environmental protection in the UK since 1898. Our head office is in Brighton and we have ten regional divisions throughout the UK. The Scottish Division promotes the aims of the UK organisation and provides a forum for members in Scotland to discuss national issues and concerns and ensure that these are taken into account at the UK level.

Scottish Division Governance

President:	Alastair Brown, Glasgow City Council
Vice Presidents:	Sarah Boyack MSP Roseanna Cunningham MSP Campbell Gemmell, SEPA Cllr Russell Imrie, Midlothian Council Calum MacDonald, SEPA Cllr Alex Mosson, Retired Cllr Ruth Simpson, Glasgow City Council
Immediate Past President:	Prof Andrew Hursthouse, UWS
Divisional Secretary / Treasurer:	James Crawshaw, Glasgow City Council

Advisory Group Chairs:

Air Quality & Climate Change:	Stuart McGowan, BMT Cordah
Land Quality:	Jonathan Wilson, Envirocentre
Noise:	Martin Valenti, SEPA

Representatives:

Board of Trustees:	Alastair Brown, Glasgow City Council
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Executive Committee Members:

Jane Allen, SEPA	Brian Carmichael, West Lothian Council
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Cllr Helen McKenna, North Lanarkshire Council	Dr Mike O'Leary, Individual Member
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Rebecca Sturrock, Enviro	Lorraine Tulloch, Individual Member
Martin Valenti, SEPA	

President's Report 2007 – 2008



You can't have failed to notice the changes in our UK organisation in recent years not to mention the name. This renewed focus and re-invigoration has been led from Brighton.

Interestingly, the Scottish division remains one of the strongest throughout and this has, once again, been demonstrated in the past year with a major Conference, seminars and training workshops. We have also been more active in engagement with other bodies, developing policy and setting key strategic goals for the coming years. These we can build on.

This comes at a time of economic downturn and the pressures felt by our public and private sector members will undoubtedly have a bearing on our own activity in the coming year. I am confident, though, that we are in a strong enough position to continue to deliver an excellent service to our membership and a meaningful input to protecting Scotland's environment.

I thank you all for your efforts in maintaining our valued input and for your continued support and I look forward to working with you throughout 2009.

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Secretary's Report 2007 – 2008



The last year has been very productive for the Scottish Division and the changes made to the organisation, instigated by Phillip Mulligan, the Chief Executive, have been very positive and have given us a fresh impetus. Of particular note last year was the air quality conference held in the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow, which had almost 100 delegates in attendance and was addressed by the then Scottish Environment Minister, Michael Russell. Events such as these are the core strength of the Division and a lot of hard work goes into producing these by staff and members, particularly those members involved in the three Advisory Groups.

Over the coming year, we intend to host further quality training courses, seminars and conferences within our key subject areas that we hope will be relevant, interesting and of value to our members and beyond. We will endeavour to produce events that are in-tune with what is current and topical and members can contact us at any time to advise on what they would like to see incorporated into our events. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff employed with the Scottish division, namely Clare Carruthers and Iain McLellan, without whom the Scottish Division would not be as strong and successful as it currently is.

I would also encourage members to engage with the three advisory groups: Scottish Noise advisory Group, Land Quality Group and Air Quality Advisory Group. These three groups meet regularly to help shape the Division's policy on their respective subject areas and also help to arrange training events and respond to consultations, etc. Please see our website for more details, or contact us directly.

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Scottish Advisory Groups

The Advisory Groups are made up of Environmental Protection UK members and chosen from Local Authorities, Consultants, Scottish Government and Academia. The Divisional Secretary, PR/Admin Manager and Policy Officer attend all Advisory Group meetings. Representation on the National Committees is usually by the Chairs, an appointed member or the Policy Officer.

Air Quality and Climate Change

The Scottish Air Quality Advisory Group aims to reduce the negative effects on health and the environment of both air pollution and greenhouse gasses. The Advisory Group organised the successful Air Quality – Planning for the Future conference in September and plans to hold more events throughout 2009.

Land Quality

By providing continuity for the land quality community within Scotland through developing and sharing best practice, organising seminars and conferences as appropriate the Group will promote a better understanding of land policy to Scottish regulators and the public. The Group met three times throughout 2008 to discuss training events and consultation responses.

Noise

The Scottish Noise Action Group first met in August 2008 with the aim of promoting integrated policies and practices that encourage the effective management of noise in Scotland through promoting a better understanding of noise and providing continuity for the noise community within Scotland. The Group plans to hold training events throughout 2009.

	Air Quality & Climate Change	Land Quality	Noise
Chair	Stuart McGowan, BMT Cordah Stuart Sneddon, AEA Technology Ken Stevenson, AEA Technology	Jonathan Wilson, Envirocentre Sarah Hamill, West Dunbartonshire Council Janet Harris, Glasgow City Council	Martin Valenti, SEPA Brian Carmichael, West Lothian Council Stuart Henderson, Falkirk Council
Members	Rebecca Sturrock, Enviros Lorraine Tulloch Individual Member Carolyn Vannan, SEPA	Andrew Hursthouse, UWS Stuart Sneddon, AEA Technology Caroline Thornton, SEPA	Nigel Kerr, East Dunbartonshire Council Bernadette McKell, Faber Maunsell Duncan McNab, Scottish Government John Stirling, Individual Member

Events in 2008

Health Impacts of Environmental Noise and update on Noise Action Planning for Scotland

20th February, Parish Halls, Glasgow

6 speakers
63 delegates attended

This seminar provided the ideal opportunity for environmental health professionals, planners and local authorities to see what would be produced in the Noise Action Plans that were due to be published

Air Quality – Planning for the Future

23rd September, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow

9 speakers
88 delegates attended

Michael Russell MSP, Minister for Environment, presented at this conference which brought together local authorities, businesses, developers and regulators to investigate innovative methods needed to meet challenging air quality targets

Go Greener

5th October, Eastwood Park, Glasgow

An East Renfrewshire initiative which Environmental Protection UK participated and exhibited at the event
www.gogreener.org.uk

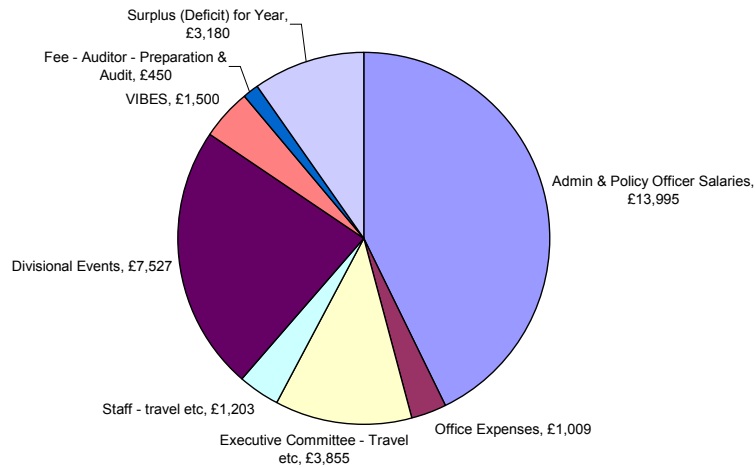
Membership 2008

There were 80 members of the Division in 2008, up from 77 in 2007:

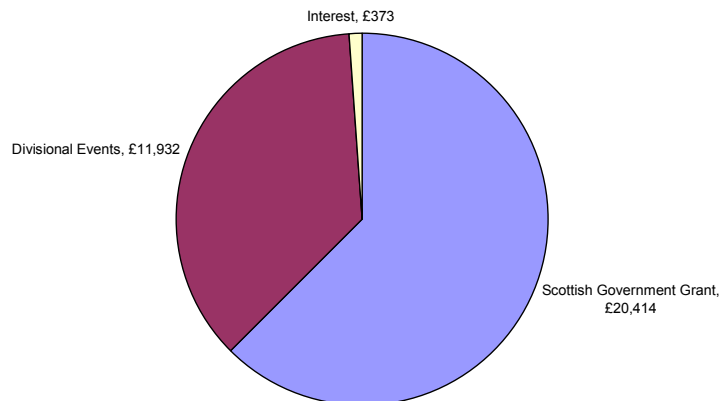
	2007	2008	Change 2007 - 2008
Individual	38	41	7.9% increase
Local Authority	26	25	3.8% decrease
Corporate	13	14	7.7% increase
Total	77	80	3.9% increase

Financial Summary for 2008

2008 Expenditure
Total expenditure = £32,719



2008 Income
Total Income = £32,719



Divisional Performance

In the Strategic Plan 2005 – 2008 a number of annual deliverables were set to indicate delivery of the Division’s objectives. A summary of the performance is presented here:

Annual Deliverable	Actual Performance
Increase membership within the Scottish Division	3.9% increase in total membership 7.9% increase in individual membership 7.7% increase in corporate membership 3.8% decrease in local authority membership
Increased input of policy advisory groups to policy developments within the Division	All Advisory Groups met on a regular basis and were a final arbiter of the Division’s consultation responses.
Participate in consultations and working group opportunities	8 Scottish Government consultations were responded to. We are on the Short Life Working Group organised by the Scottish Government to discuss DEFRA’s “Guidance on the Legal Definition of Contaminated Land”
Increase communication and engagement on a political level	Mike Russell MSP, Minister for Environment, presented at our Air Quality event
Develop and maintain successful partnership working	We have worked with the following organisations: Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland Scottish Pollution Control Co-ordinating Committee Vision in Business for the Environment Scotland (VIBES)
Undertake a minimum of four seminars / conferences / workshops each year	Only 2 events were organised by the Division.
Update and develop Scottish leaflets	A number of leaflets were updated during the year.
Promote and support Noise Action Week within Scotland	Scottish Local Authorities participated in Noise Action Week.
Provide financial engagement and steering group participation for VIBES award	We continued to provide financial management of the Award and participated in Steering Group meetings



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