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Environmental Protection UK – Scotland Annual Review 2010

Environmental Protection UK is a national charity that provides expert policy analysis and advice on air quality, land quality, waste and noise and their effects on people and communities in terms of a wide range of issues including public health, planning, transport, energy and climate.

We offer clear and critical analysis of UK government and European Union policy proposals through a range of high-quality publications and expert-led events, as well as up-to-date regulatory information through our comprehensive guide to UK and EU environment legislation.

We bring together policy-makers, business, local authorities and academics to enable and foster successful partnerships for environmental action and provide networking opportunities to support the careers of environmental professionals and allow them to share best practice.

Our structure enables us to take a progressive and pragmatic approach to the issues which concern us and, on behalf of our wide and extensive cross-sector membership, to promote integrated and effective policy-making which supports sensible and workable solutions to pressing environmental challenges.

Environmental Protection UK works with and for UK national and devolved governments, local authorities, business, academics and the general public, and with relevant EU institutions and NGOs.

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 then taken into account at the UK level.

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Divisional Report 2010

The immediate Past President, Alastair Brown, predicted at last year's AGM that the next couple of years would be a difficult time for public sector finances and as a consequence, for Environmental Protection UK as an organisation. The recession had previously hit the private sector and it has now moved on to the public sector, with the new coalition Government making it a priority to reduce public expenditure. This is of course having an impact in Scotland, on the Scottish Government, NGOs and local authorities.

This is a concern for Environmental Protection UK as it will have an impact on our members, such as local authorities. However, we now have a new Chief Executive, James Grugeon, at our head office in Brighton and James has identified finances and funding as being a key issue to ensure the future success of the organisation. He has also led a review of the priorities of the organisation and has recognised we need to make the most of the limited resources available. The aim is to get us through this challenging period, to grow and become more financially stable in the longer term.

The review also covered our policy function as well as our services and a new strategy to take us up to 2014 has been approved by the Board of Trustees. In terms of finances, our goal is to "build a secure and sustainable financial base so that we can maintain operations in the short term, grow in the medium term and invest in the longer term." We hope this will provide a more secure footing to take us into the future and help us to focus more on our main policy work, rather than having to worry about financial viability.

The organisational review carried out at Brighton recognises our expertise in air quality, noise and land quality but proposes to take us away from 'silo' working to a new thematic system with a focus on cross-cutting issues, such as planning, transport, climate, energy,



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health and ecosystem services. This is to provide better linkage across the policy areas and ensure we continue to be relevant to our members. In Scotland, we also need to review the way we operate our three policy groups and evaluate what changes need to be made to reflect this.

The new coalition has promised to be the greenest Government ever; our job is to make sure that despite the tough economic times, they live up to this promise and genuinely do put the environment at the heart of their policies. With elections coming up this year in Scotland, we need to ensure that the Scottish Government lives up to this expectation as well and that EPUK - Scotland continues to work with the Scottish Government and other partners to influence policy and ensure that environmental issues remain on the agenda. We intend to write to all of the political parties in Scotland prior to the elections to put forward our views on the environment and to ensure each of the parties has a focus on these issues.

Although not as busy as 2009 in terms of events, 2010 saw some important work being carried out by the Scottish Division. A Part IIA workshop was held to discuss the current contaminated land regime with the aim of providing feedback to the Scottish Government to inform their review of the Part IIA process in the hope



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that an improved and more useable regime will come out of it. The Scottish Air Quality Advisory Group produced guidance on biomass specifically for Scotland – "Biomass and Air Quality Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities" is available to download free from the EPUK website. Much of the work in pulling this together was carried out by our Policy Officer, Iain McLellan. The Scottish Noise Advisory Group provided a response to the permitted development rights consultation for small scale wind turbines. Further events, training, seminars and policy work will be taken forward in 2011 to continue to serve the needs of members and to take the organisation forward into the future and we look forward to working with you to make this happen. Much of the work of the Division could not be done without Clare Carruthers, our PR/Admin Manager, and we are indebted to her for keeping the Division organised and well managed.

Russell Imrie
President, Scottish Division

James Crawshaw
Divisional Secretary

Scottish Advisory Groups

Membership of the Advisory Groups has expanded throughout 2010; the Groups comprise Environmental Protection UK members which represent a cross section of local authorities, consultants, the Scottish Government, SEPA and academia. The Chairs of the Advisory Groups, or Policy Officer, provide representation on Environmental Protection UK's National Committees.

Air Quality and Climate Change

The Scottish Air Quality Advisory Group aims to reduce the negative effects on health and the environment of pollution and greenhouse gases. The Group met regularly throughout the year and members were also responsible for the preparation of the Environmental Protection UK Biomass Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities.

Chair: Stuart Sneddon, AEA Technology

Members: David Connolly, MVA Consultancy

Jonathan Flitney, Falkirk Council

Åsa Hedmark, SEPA

John Lamb, SEPA

Stuart McGowan, BMT Cordah

Ken Stevenson, AEA Technology

Rebecca McLean, SKM Enviro

Andrew Taylor, Scottish Government

Carolyn Vannan, SEPA

Land Quality

By providing continuity for Scotland's land quality community through the organisation of seminars and conferences, the Group promotes a better understanding of land policy. The Group, in conjunction with the Scottish Government, organised a successful workshop entitled "Part IIA: The Future for Scotland" and is represented on the Contaminated Land Advisory Group.

Chair: Jonathan Wilson, Envirocentre

Members: Francis Brewis, Scottish Government

Anthony Carson, Individual Member

Sarah Hamill, West Dunbartonshire Council

Janet Harris, Glasgow City Council

Andrew Hursthouse, UWS

Alison McKay, Individual Member

Caroline Thornton, SEPA

Noise

The Scottish Noise Advisory Group (SNAG) promotes integrated policies and practices that encourage the effective management of noise by providing a better understanding of noise and providing continuity for the noise community in Scotland. SNAG organised the workshops "Noise and Nuisance" and "Tackling Small Scale Turbine Turmoil".

Chair: Bernadette McKell, AECOM

Members: Brian Carmichael, West Lothian Council

Tim Waters-Fuller, Napier University

Stuart Henderson, Falkirk Council

Nigel Kerr, Glasgow City Council

Duncan McNab, Scottish Government

Steve Williamson, City of Edinburgh

Events held in 2010

All Environmental Protection UK - Scotland events have REHIS Continuing Professional Development points

Noise and Nuisance Workshop

30th March, Best Western Park Hotel, Falkirk,

4 speakers • 43 delegates

Following the success of a similar event in 2009, this workshop introduced the appropriate pieces of legislation and split the delegates into groups to prepare Abatement Notices.

Part IIA: The Future for Scotland

25th August, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh

10 speakers/facilitators • 70 delegates

This free event was organised by the Division in conjunction with the Scottish Government. The workshop focused on how the Part IIA Statutory Guidance on the contaminated land regime could be improved in Scotland and focused on three specific areas: (i) the key issues with Part IIA, (ii) the determination process and securing remediation and (iii) the definition of contaminated land.

Controlling Sewerage Nuisance within the Network

21st September, Glasgow City Chambers, Glasgow

4 speakers • 26 delegates

The delegates were informed of the latest information from the authors of the Statutory Code of Sewerage Nuisance, Scottish Water's plans for Dalmarnock and discussed mitigation methodologies.

Tackling Small Scale Turbine Turmoil

26th October, Glasgow City Chambers, Glasgow

5 speakers • 22 delegates

Given that guidance (ETSU-R-97) is not suitable for small scale turbines, this half day workshop looked at noise impact assessments of small scale turbines with the aim of finding a practical way forward.

The Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games Environmental and Sustainability Conference

5th November, Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre

8 speakers • 192 delegates

Organised by the Glasgow 2014 Organising Committee, Glasgow City Council and the Scottish Government, with the administration by Environmental Protection UK - Scotland, this event discussed the sustainability throughout the Games – from preparation, to Games-time and their legacy.

Biomass Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities

One of the main outputs of the Division was the publication of the Biomass Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities; this follows the publication of a similar document for English and Welsh local authorities. The guidance contains information on the policy relating to biomass, air quality and climate change, details on the technology used and their regulation and the management of biomass emissions. Several tools are also available to help local authorities, and their partners, manage emissions. The guidance and the tools are available to download at www.environmental-protection.org.uk/biomass.

The Division would like to thank the Steering Group for their time and effort in developing this guidance:

Stuart McGowan, BMT Cordah (Chair)

Ken Stevenson, AEA Technology

Rachel Brooks, Dundee City Council

Andrew Taylor, Scottish Government

Åsa Hedmark, SEPA

Divisional Performance

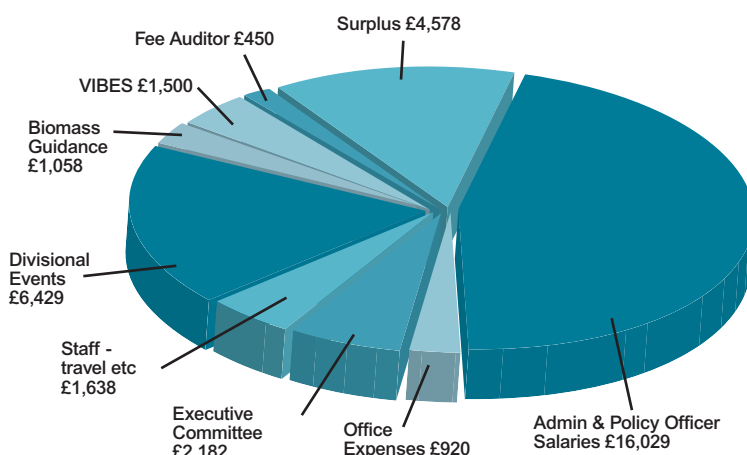
In the Strategic Plan 2009 - 2012 a number of annual deliverables were set to indicate delivery of the Division's objectives. A summary of the performance is presented here:

Annual Deliverable	Actual Performance
Increase membership within the Scottish Division	At the time of writing, a new database was being installed and this information was not available
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	4 consultations were responded to. We are on the Forestry Commission Scotland's Biomass Abatement Technology Steering Group, and Scottish Government's Contaminated Land Advisory Group
Increase communication and engagement on a political level	Each of the Advisory Groups has a representative from the Scottish Government
Develop and maintain successful partnership working	We have worked with the following organisations: The Scottish Government. Glasgow City Council. 2014 Commonwealth Games Organising Committee. Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland (REHIS). Scottish Pollution Control Co-ordinating Committee (SPCCC). Vision in Business for the Environment Scotland (VIBES)
Undertake a minimum of four seminars / conferences / workshops each year	5 events were organised by the Division
Update and develop Scottish leaflets	The Small Scale Wind Turbine (Scotland) leaflet was updated to coincide with the event
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

Financial Summary for 2010

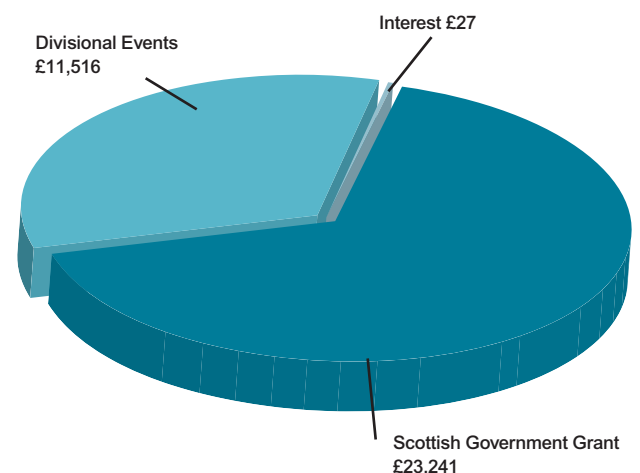
Expenditure

Total Expenditure £34,784



Income

Total Income £34,784



Constitution and Rules

as approved and adopted by the Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Division of Environmental Protection UK held in Glasgow on 23 February 2009

1. The Environmental Protection UK Scottish Division "the Division" is established as a voluntary body for the implementation in Scotland of the objects of Environmental Protection UK, a company limited by Guarantee and having its Registered Office at 44 Grand Parade, Brighton, BN2 9QA namely:-
 - (i) To seek the improvement of the environment by promoting changes in public policy and practice to minimise air, noise and land pollution;
 - (ii) To initiate, assist, promote and encourage the investigation, consideration and discussion of all forms of pollution in order to achieve its reduction or prevention; and
 - (iii) To promote public education in all matters relating to the reduction of pollution,

Or as shall from time to time be set by the Annual General Meeting of Environmental Protection UK.
2. The membership of the Division shall consist of all nominated representatives of all bodies and all natural persons, who have paid such annual subscription as shall from time to time be set for membership of Environmental Protection UK, and who are domiciled in Scotland.
3. An Annual General Meeting of the Division shall be held each calendar year at a place to be fixed by the Executive Committee as hereinafter described. The Division may otherwise meet as shall be considered to be necessary by the Executive Committee.
4. Alterations to the constitution may be effected at the Annual General Meeting by a two-thirds majority of members present. Notice in writing of any resolution for this purpose shall be submitted to the Secretary not less than six weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting and must be sent by the Secretary by post to all members at least three weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the resolution is to be considered. Amendment to any such resolution shall be sent to the Secretary at least two weeks before the Annual General Meeting and forwarded by him to all members at least one week before the Annual General Meeting.
5. An Auditor shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting.
6. Accounts shall be kept of the moneys received and expended by the Division and once, at least, in every year the accounts shall be examined and the correctness thereof certified by the Honorary Auditor.
7. A quorum of the Division shall be fifteen members.
8. (i) The Division, at the Annual General Meeting shall appoint an Executive Committee.
 - (ii) The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, Immediate Past President, Vice Presidents as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee and a maximum of nineteen Ordinary Committee members.
 - (iii) The Ordinary Committee members shall comprise of no more than six Local Authority Officials, no more than three Elected Members of Local Authorities and no more than ten others.
 - (iv) The President and the Vice Presidents shall hold office for a period not exceeding two years.
 - (v) The remainder of the Committee shall hold office for a period of no more than three years.
 - (vi) Membership of the Executive Committee is also dependent on individuals continuing to hold the position by which he/she was qualified to become a member of the Committee.
 - (vii) Committee members who have retired or completed their permitted period of office shall be eligible for re-election.
 - (viii) The President and the Vice Presidents shall be ex officio members of all ad-hoc Committees of the Division.
 - (ix) The Executive Committee shall meet no less than twice a year as a minimum.
9. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be seven members.
10. Any vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee shall be filled by appointment at a meeting of the Division for which the appointment shall be placed on the Agenda of Business.
11. The President shall preside at all meetings; in his/her absence, the Vice President shall preside but in the event of neither being present at any meeting, a member of the Division shall be elected to act as Chairman.
12. The Chairman of a meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.