



Stop Climate Chaos Scotland (SCCS) Comparison of manifesto pledges on climate change Appendix 1 (including quotes from parties' manifestos)

Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, a coalition of around 60 organisations campaigning together on climate change, produced a [manifesto of policies](#) which we believe would deliver emission cuts in a responsible and just manner.

Our manifesto sets out ways in which the Scottish Government, local authorities and communities can all help to reduce emissions. We set out specific measures for energy and for transport, the largest emission generators, as well as outlining how the health sector and our natural environment can assist. We also described how economic recovery can work hand-in-hand with reducing emissions.

The adoption and implementation of the full package of measures outlined in our manifesto would help to ensure Scotland not only meets its legal responsibilities, but: continues to demonstrate international leadership on climate change; supports poor communities living in developing countries to survive and adapt to the effects of climate change; and secures a sustainable, just and prosperous future for people living in Scotland.

Below we set out the 'asks' which were included in our manifesto, alongside a description and related quotes from party manifestos in relation to each 'ask'. We have only considered the manifestos of the five parties represented in the last Scottish Parliament.

Benchmark from SCCS manifesto	Conservative	Green	Labour	Liberal Democrats	SNP
Continue to demonstrate climate leadership					
Rule out future use of carbon credits to meet emission reduction targets	No mention	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask' <i>"We are committed to meeting Scotland's emissions targets through domestic effort, without the use of carbon credits"</i>	No mention	No mention	No mention
Establish a climate adaptation fund of £9m per year	No mention	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask' <i>"Establish a climate adaptation fund of £9m per year for communities"</i>	No mention	No mention	Manifesto includes language on potential joint fund with business, charitable foundations and NGOs, but no

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		<i>in developing countries"</i>			<p>commitment to public funding or reference to scale.</p> <p><i>"We have heard the calls from many for Scotland to create a Climate Adaptation Fund. Given the pressures on the Scottish Government's budget, we will work with partners in business, charitable foundations and non-governmental organisations so we can co-ordinate efforts to build a Scotland-wide climate adaptation fund"</i></p>

A Green Procurement Bill for Scotland

Commit to bring forward a Green Procurement Bill	<p>Manifesto includes language around local food procurement, but lacks detail on wider procurement.</p> <p><i>"Encourage procurement of local food across the public sector."</i></p>	<p>Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'</p> <p><i>"Introduce a Green Procurement Bill"</i></p>	<p>Manifesto includes the commitment to greener procurement, but does not include detail on how this will be done.</p> <p><i>"Committed to delivering fairer, greener and more ethical procurement"</i></p> <p><i>"Support new allotments and community gardens ... to set the expectation that green procurement is the norm"</i></p>	<p>Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'</p> <p><i>"Establish in law the principles of better and fairer procurement ... and to these [principles] we will add sustainability"</i></p> <p><i>"Making sure the carbon impact of products is included as a serious factor in contracts ... putting sustainability at the heart of public procurement"</i></p>	<p>Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'</p> <p><i>"Will introduce a Sustainable Procurement Bill to make clear the legislative framework for procurement decisions and support for greater use of social and environmental benefit clauses"</i></p>
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Energy efficiency					
<p>Commit to invest £100m per year in energy efficiency measures for every Scottish household in addition to funding to meet Scotland's 2016 fuel poverty target</p>	<p>Manifesto commits to retain home energy reports and consolidate energy efficiency schemes, but does not include commitment to £100m per year, nor mention fuel poverty.</p> <p><i>"Retain the Home Energy Reports ... and consolidate the various energy efficiency schemes into one system."</i></p>	<p>Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'.</p> <p>Commitment to £100m a year universal scheme, which is in addition to existing spending.</p> <p><i>"A renewed programme with a budget of at least £100m per year to pay for a retrofit programme as part of the existing Energy Assistance Package. This scheme will be free, universal and will roll out on an area-by-area, street-by-street basis."</i></p>	<p>Manifesto reaffirms determination to end fuel poverty by 2016, but does not include commitment to additional £100m per year funding to do this.</p> <p><i>"Determined to end fuel poverty by 2016."</i></p> <p><i>"Deliver a Green New Deal to tackle fuel poverty and drive down carbon emissions, which will offer whole-house energy efficient retrofits and microgeneration for 10,000 homes and businesses."</i></p> <p><i>"Continue to invest in measures to reduce fuel poverty and will review the effectiveness of the Energy Assistance Package and Home Insulation Scheme"</i></p> <p><i>"Investigate further council tax discounts, grants and incentives for householders and businesses who make green changes."</i></p>	<p>Manifesto commits to £250m over a 5-year Parliament to tackle fuel poverty and carbon emissions, which equates to £50m per year and is additional to existing spending.</p> <p><i>"£250 million allocated to insulate homes and buildings across Scotland, including in the private rented sector and hard-to-treat properties."</i></p> <p><i>"Set us on a path to achieving our fuel poverty and emission reduction targets"</i></p>	<p>Manifesto includes commitment to a Warm Homes Fund of £50m over a 5-year Parliament (equal to £10m a year) to tackle fuel poverty. This is in addition to existing spending.</p> <p><i>"We will invest £50 million in [...] a new Warm Homes Fund to deliver renewable energy and energy-efficient homes in those communities worst affected by fuel poverty."</i></p> <p><i>"Continue to fund the Universal Home Insulation Scheme providing free insulation to families"</i></p> <p><i>"Continue support for the Energy Assistance Package in the next parliamentary term [...] with free energy efficiency advice, home insulation all the way up to full central heating systems"</i></p>
<p>Bring forward minimum energy</p>	<p>No mention</p>	<p>Manifesto contains minimum standards for</p>	<p>No mention</p>	<p>Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'</p>	<p>No mention</p>

<p>efficiency standards for existing buildings to apply from 2015</p>		<p>private rented housing, but not the whole sector.</p> <p><i>"For those in private rented housing we'll introduce minimum energy standards"</i></p>		<p><i>"Work towards the introduction of minimum standards from 2015."</i></p>	
<p>Transport</p>					
<p>Commit to a sustained movement of funding away from roads</p> <p>* we have not included all quotes from manifestos relating to public transport investments and focused these only on movement away from road-building.</p>	<p>Manifesto reaffirms commitment to major road-building schemes and does not commit to movement of funding away from roads.</p> <p><i>"The replacement Forth Crossing is Scotland's top transport priority [...] We rank the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route Scotland's second most important road project"</i></p>	<p>Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'</p> <p><i>"Begin a long-term shift in investment away from building extra capacity in the trunk road network"</i></p> <p><i>"£650m over the next Parliament will be allocated to a fund for extra public transport infrastructure."</i></p> <p><i>"We won't proceed with this plan [Second Forth Road Bridge], but will instead support the £122m repair of the existing [Forth Road] bridge."</i></p> <p><i>"Halt plans for the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route"</i></p>	<p>Manifesto recognises the need for people to switch from private cars to public transport, and contains public transport measures, but reaffirms commitment to major road-building schemes and does not commit to movement of funding away from roads.</p> <p><i>"Scottish Labour's transport policies will encourage people to switch from private cars to public transport."</i></p> <p><i>"Committed to finding finance to complete the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route, the M8 Baillieston to Newhouse upgrade, the M74 Raith Interchange, and to deliver improvements to the M8, M73 and M74. We also aim to prepare a programme of continuous improvements to the A82, A1, A9, A77, A75, A95"</i></p>	<p>Manifesto contains aspiration to reduce the reliance on the car and public transport measures, however reaffirms commitment to major road-building schemes and does not commit to movement of funding away from roads.</p> <p><i>"Promote smarter travel choices to reduce reliance on the private car."</i></p> <p><i>"Ensure the timely delivery of existing transport commitments, including the Borders Railway [and] the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route [...]"</i></p> <p><i>"Paying for large-scale infrastructure like the new Forth Road Crossing"</i></p> <p><i>"Develop a fully costed and timetabled plan to dual the A9 to Inverness"</i></p>	<p>Manifesto includes commitment to Future Transport Fund, and electrification of the rail network, however reaffirms commitment to major road-building schemes and does not commit to movement of funding away from roads.</p> <p><i>"[We] will continue to increase the proportion of transport spending that goes on low-carbon, active and sustainable travel."</i></p> <p><i>"Focus on modal shift to help move Scots to low-carbon and active travel options"</i></p> <p><i>"Ensure ongoing improvements to dual the A9 [...] and the upgrade of the A96 [...] and our national motorway network including the M8 and"</i></p>

			<p>and A96.”</p> <p><i>“Deliver the new Forth Replacement Crossing.”</i></p>	<p><i>“Make strategic investments to improve road safety and quality, for example taking forward plans to improve the A82, A83 and A96 roads.”</i></p>	<p><i>M74”</i></p> <p><i>“We will continue work to deliver the Forth Replacement Crossing”</i></p> <p><i>“Investment in important transport projects such as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>- the Borders Railway project</i> <i>- M8 Baillieston to Newhouse, M74 Raith Junction and M8, M73 and M74 network improvements</i> <i>- the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route and A90 Balmedie.”</i>
<p>Ensure that at least 10% of the total transport budget is invested in active travel</p>	<p>No mention</p>	<p>Met SCCS manifesto ‘ask’</p> <p><i>“By the end of the next Parliament, active travel will receive at least 10% of the transport budget”</i></p>	<p>Manifesto includes language on raising proportion spent on active travel, but does not state by how much.</p> <p><i>“We will ensure that active travel receives a higher proportion of the overall transport budget.”</i></p>	<p>Manifesto includes language on raising proportion spent on sustainable and active travel, but doesn’t state how much specifically on active travel.</p> <p><i>“Increase the proportion of the transport budget spent on sustainable and active travel measures, to help double the number of short journeys by foot and cycle”</i></p>	<p>Manifesto includes language to raise the proportion spent on sustainable, low-carbon and active travel, but doesn’t state how much specifically on active travel.</p> <p><i>“Continue to increase the proportion of transport spending that goes on low-carbon, active and sustainable travel”</i></p>
<p>Cut the national speed limit on single carriageways to 50MPH</p>	<p>No mention</p>	<p>Met SCCS manifesto ‘ask’</p> <p><i>“Cut the national speed limit to 50mph on single carriageways”</i></p>	<p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p>	<p>No mention</p>

Ensure better enforcement of speed limits on all roads through the use of average speed cameras	No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
Natural environment					
Commit funds of £60-120m to restore and rewet at least 600,000 hectares of peatlands	No mention	<p>Manifesto commits to a peatland restoration fund, but no detail on level of funding or number of hectares to be restored.</p> <p><i>"Committed to large-scale ecosystem restoration projects [...] including provision of dedicated funds for peatland restoration"</i></p>	<p>Manifesto includes language on peatland restoration, but no detail on funding commitment or number of hectares to be restored.</p> <p><i>"Explore the possibilities for restoring Scotland's peatlands"</i></p>	<p>Manifesto promises action on peatland restoration, but no detail on level of funding or number of hectares to be restored.</p> <p><i>"Action to restore and protect Scotland's valuable peatlands and woodlands"</i></p>	<p>Manifesto promises action on peatland restoration, but no detail on level of funding or number of hectares to be restored.</p> <p><i>"Take action to protect and restore peatlands"</i></p>
Phase out peat extraction for use in horticulture	No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
Public engagement fund					
Commit £12.5m each year for a public engagement fund	No mention	<p>Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'</p> <p><i>"We'd build on the success of the Climate Challenge Fund [...] The fund would be expanded to £25m a year"</i></p>	<p>Manifesto contains commitment to maintain the Climate Challenge Fund (currently £11.3m a year) and increase its effectiveness, but no reference to £12.5m a year.</p> <p><i>"Maintain funding levels for Climate Challenge Fund and increase its effectiveness"</i></p>	<p>Manifesto contains commitment to build on the Climate Challenge Fund (currently £11.3m a year), but no reference to £12.5m a year.</p> <p><i>"Support innovative behavioural change initiatives within communities by building on the work of the Climate Challenge Fund"</i></p>	<p>Manifesto contains commitment to maintain the Climate Challenge Fund (currently £11.3m a year) over the next five years, but no reference to £12.5m a year.</p> <p><i>"We are increasing funding for the community-focused Climate Challenge Fund in the year ahead and will maintain its funding over the next five years"</i></p>

					"Also establish as part of the fund, a new Junior Climate Challenge Fund"
A 'Just Transition' to a low carbon economy (skills)					
Commit to retraining, help with relocation and other support for those whose jobs will change or go by establishing a Scottish Forum for a Just Transition	No mention	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask' <i>"A national contingency plan [...] include a business transition service designed to gain competitive advantage in new markets"</i> <i>"Ensure that skills agencies prioritise areas like renewable energy, low carbon industries [...] so that we have the skilled workforce needed"</i> <i>"Work with management and unions to ensure employees in the [nuclear] industry can find opportunities in decommissioning work or be re-trained and redeployed, for example in renewables"</i>	Manifesto contains language on retraining and jobs, but no mention of Just Transition. <i>"Ensuring training opportunities exist for industries [...] such as renewable industries"</i> <i>"Prioritise the creation of green jobs in renewable technologies, aiming for up to 60,000 by 2015"</i>	Manifesto contains language on retraining and jobs, but no mention of Just Transition. <i>"Through Scotland's colleges, support a new generation of apprentices to become experts in installing insulation and energy efficient systems in homes and business premises"</i> <i>"Deliver 40,000 new green jobs through commitment to Scottish renewables and energy"</i>	Manifesto contains language on retraining and jobs, but no mention of Just Transition. <i>"Determined to ensure Scotland's people have the skills they need to prosper as a result of our nation's green energy revolution [...] 500 dedicated apprenticeships for the energy and low-carbon industry."</i> <i>"Build capacity with networks of providers through regional Green Skills Academies"</i> <i>"We are committed to ensuring there are 130,000 jobs in the low carbon economy by 2020."</i>
A new, greener relationship with local authorities					
Require annual reporting and scrutiny of public bodies' compliance with their climate duty	Manifesto includes requirement to publish details on energy consumption but no mention of annual reporting. <i>"Require all public bodies</i>	Manifesto includes language on public sector emissions cut, but no mention of annual reporting. <i>"Ensure public sector emission cuts are in line</i>	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask' <i>"Strong public duty is required to help drive change. This needs to include mandatory reporting."</i>	No mention	Manifesto includes language on public sector emissions cut, but no mention of annual reporting. <i>"Continue to take steps to reduce the carbon</i>

	<i>to publish details of their energy consumption and commit to a target to reduce it"</i>	<i>with the targets in the Climate Change Act"</i>			<i>footprint of the Scottish Government and its agencies and will encourage all parts of the public sector to play their part in meeting our emissions targets"</i>
Establish a strategic climate fund for 'step-change' local authority climate change projects	No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
Renewable energy					
Set an interim target of 70% of electricity consumption to come from renewables by 2020	No mention	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask' <i>"Scotland's renewables can more than meet our domestic electricity demand and we can export clean energy to our neighbours. We believe this can be done by 2020"</i>	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask' <i>"80% of our electricity from renewables by 2020"</i>	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'. No specific 2020 target, but a commitment to 100% by 2025. <i>"Set a target for Scotland to generate the equivalent of 100% of electricity consumption from renewable sources by 2025"</i>	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask' <i>"Produce 100% of the electricity that we need from renewables by 2020"</i>
Require local authorities to produce heat maps	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask' <i>"We will require local authorities to publish heat maps."</i>	Manifesto contains language on local authorities producing heat maps, but no requirement. <i>"Local authorities can assist [...] by producing heat maps for their area"</i>	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask' <i>"We will require local authorities to produce heat maps"</i>	No mention	Manifesto contains language on district heating, but no mention of heat maps. <i>"We will establish an Expert Commission on the Delivery of District Heating to advise on the steps we need to take to ensure a major move to district heating in</i>

					<i>Scotland</i>
Set ambitious and costed 2020 target for public sector renewable heat	No mention	<p>Manifesto includes language on local authorities renewable heat targets, but no commitment to a 2020 target for public sector heat.</p> <p><i>"Local authorities [can set] targets for heat load to be delivered from renewables by 2020"</i></p>	<p>Manifesto includes language on renewable heat, but no commitment to a 2020 target for public sector heat.</p> <p><i>"Aim to increase production, distribution and use of community-scale heat and power"</i></p> <p><i>"Seek to introduce schemes to capture and use surplus heat via 'smart' heat grids."</i></p>	<p>Manifesto includes an overall target of 20% by 2020, but no specific public sector target.</p> <p><i>"Target to generate 20% of Scotland's heat requirements from renewable sources by 2020"</i></p>	<p>Manifesto contains language on renewable heat, but no commitment to a 2020 target for public sector heat.</p> <p><i>"Work with industry to explore whether we should extend our renewable heat target"</i></p>
Integrate health and climate change policies					
Require decisions on locations of clinics and hospitals to take account of travel emissions	No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention	No mention
Require local authorities to work with the NHS to ensure planning decisions contribute to sustainable places	No mention	<p>Manifesto contains language on integrating climate change and health, but no requirement.</p> <p><i>"Introduce health impact assessments into the planning system and ensure that health is taken into account in all other Government policies. Policies which help tackle climate change in particular like support for active travel off opportunities for a</i></p>	No mention	No mention	<p>Manifesto contains language on climate change and health, but no requirement.</p> <p><i>"We will look to integrate climate change more closely into policy work across Government, for example through public health policy and in our schools"</i></p>

		<i>healthier society."</i>			
Set a minimum quantity of green space for a given population	No mention	Manifesto contains language on opposing sale of green spaces, but not on setting minimum standards for new developments. <i>"We oppose the sale of green spaces"</i>	Manifesto includes language on green space, but not on setting minimum standards for new developments. <i>"Support communities to take ownership of derelict land to refurbish it or turn it into new, green space"</i>	No mention	No mention
Create green circular walks within walking distance of every household, set as standard for every new housing development	No mention	No mention	No mention	Manifesto includes language on the need for active travel to be considered as part of development, but no mention of developing them into standards. <i>"Ensure active travel infrastructure is at the heart of all housing and commercial developments."</i>	No mention

Link to party manifestos:

[Scottish Conservatives manifesto](#)

[Scottish Greens manifesto](#)

[Scottish Labour manifesto](#)

[Scottish Liberal Democrats manifesto](#)

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