



Stop Climate Chaos Scotland (SCCS) Comparison of manifesto pledges on climate change

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. This is an abbreviated version of our full analysis, [Appendix 1](#), which includes the relevant quotes from parties' manifestos.

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'	No mention	No mention	No mention
Establish a climate adaptation fund of £9m per year	No mention	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	No mention	No mention	Manifesto includes language on potential joint fund with business, charitable foundations and NGOs, but no commitment to public funding or reference to scale.

A Green Procurement Bill for Scotland					
Commit to bring forward a Green Procurement Bill	Manifesto includes language around local food procurement, but lacks detail on wider procurement.	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	Manifesto includes the commitment to greener procurement, but does not include detail on how this will be done.	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'
Energy efficiency					
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	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.	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'.	Manifesto reaffirms determination to end fuel poverty by 2016, but does not include commitment to additional £100m per year funding to do this.	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.	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.
Bring forward minimum energy efficiency standards for existing buildings to apply from 2015	No mention	Manifesto contains minimum standards for private rented housing, but not the whole sector.	No mention	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	No mention
Transport					
Commit to a sustained movement of funding away from roads * we have not included all quotes from manifestos relating to public transport investments and focused these only on movement away from road-building.	Manifesto reaffirms commitment to major road-building schemes and does not commit to movement of funding away from roads.	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	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.	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.	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.
Ensure that at least 10% of the total transport budget is invested in active	No mention	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	Manifesto includes language on raising proportion spent on active travel, but does not	Manifesto includes language on raising proportion spent on sustainable and active	Manifesto includes language to raise the proportion spent on sustainable, low-carbon

travel			state by how much.	travel, but doesn't state how much specifically on active travel.	and active travel, but doesn't state how much specifically on active travel.
Cut the national speed limit on single carriageways to 50MPH	No mention	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	No mention	No mention	No mention
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	Manifesto commits to a peatland restoration fund, but no detail on level of funding or number of hectares to be restored.	Manifesto includes language on peatland restoration, but no detail on funding commitment or number of hectares to be restored.	Manifesto promises action on peatland restoration, but no detail on level of funding or number of hectares to be restored.	Manifesto promises action on peatland restoration, but no detail on level of funding or number of hectares to be restored.
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	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	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.	Manifesto contains commitment to build on the Climate Challenge Fund (currently £11.3m a year), but no reference to £12.5m a year.	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.
A 'Just Transition' to a low carbon economy (skills)					
Commit to retraining, help with relocation and other support for those whose jobs will	No mention	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	Manifesto contains language on retraining and jobs, but no mention of Just Transition.	Manifesto contains language on retraining and jobs, but no mention of Just Transition.	Manifesto contains language on retraining and jobs, but no mention of Just Transition.

change or go by establishing a Scottish Forum for a Just Transition					
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.	Manifesto includes language on public sector emissions cut, but no mention of annual reporting.	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	No mention	Manifesto includes language on public sector emissions cut, but no mention of annual reporting.
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'	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'
Require local authorities to produce heat maps	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	Manifesto contains language on local authorities producing heat maps, but no requirement.	Met SCCS manifesto 'ask'	No mention	Manifesto contains language on district heating, but no mention of heat maps.
Set ambitious and costed 2020 target for public sector renewable heat	No mention	Manifesto includes language on local authorities renewable heat targets, but no commitment to a 2020 target for public sector heat.	Manifesto includes language on renewable heat, but no commitment to a 2020 target for public sector heat.	Manifesto includes an overall target of 20% by 2020, but no specific public sector target.	Manifesto contains language on renewable heat, but no commitment to a 2020 target for public sector heat.
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	Manifesto contains language on integrating climate change and health, but no requirement.	No mention	No mention	Manifesto contains language on climate change and health, but no requirement.
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.	Manifesto includes language on green space, but not on setting minimum standards for new developments.	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.	No mention

Link to party manifestos:

[Scottish Conservatives manifesto](#)

[Scottish Greens manifesto](#)

[Scottish Labour manifesto](#)

[Scottish Liberal Democrats manifesto](#)

[SNP manifesto](#)