**Minutes - Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 – Placemaking Working Group (PWG). 28th March 2022, 14:00 – 15:00**

**Chair**

Andrew Taylor Scottish Government

**Secretariat**

Tanith Allinson SEPA

**Attendee’s**

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| Gillian Dick  | Heads of Planning Scotland |
| Katherine Lakeman | SEPA |
| Tracy McKen | Scottish Government |
| Robbie Calvert | Royal Town Planning Institute Scotland |
| Fiona Stirling | NatureScot |
| Karen Ridgewell  | Architecture and Design Scotland  |
| Susana Sebastian  | SEPA |

**Apologies**

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| Irene Beautyman | Improvement Service |
| Johnny Cadell | Architecture & Design Scotland |
| Etive Currie  | Glasgow City Council  |
| David Torrance | Transport Scotland |

1. **Welcome**

Andrew Taylor (AT) welcomed attendee’s

1. **Introductions**

Round table introductions.

1. **Presentation**

AT gave a presentation on CAFS2 background, including current state of air quality in Scotland.

1. **CAFS2 actions – Placemaking**

AT confirmed that this initial meeting is an introduction and setting the scene. Subsequent meetings Scottish Government is seeking substantive discussion around various actions.

AT read through the placemaking actions outlined in the ‘CAFS2 Action Tracker – ‘Placemaking Working Group’ and opened the floor for comment after reading through each action.

**Short term action comments:**

NPF4 consultation closes 31st March. PWG could support PAD in considering air quality specific comments arising from the consultation.

No mention of LDP regs in CAFS2 which are being consulted on alongside NPF4 with a closing of 31st March. Concern that the draft regs don’t adequately consider CAFS2.

Important not just look at the air quality policies in NPF4 and LDP regs but the overall suite of policies and co-benefits of a place-based approach.

**Action AT, Tanith Allinson (TA) and Susana Sebastian (SS) to discuss consultation responses with PAD colleagues and feedback to group.**

**Medium term action comments:**

HOPS and RTPI could support local authorities to review how effectively air quality is embedded in to plans and policies. PWG to consider this more in future meetings.

The Regional Modelling Framework could be useful for Local Authorities in developing evidence reports for development plans.

The Regional Modelling Framework will help provide air quality data and evidence to support decision making in places outside of LEZs.

Nature based solutions – databases exist but need to look at the Scottish context.

There’s a need to focus on delivering nature based solutions. Effective planning is needed from strategic to street and building level. Solutions must be multifunctional and link with blue-green infrastructure. PWG to consider this more in future meetings.

Architecture and Design Scotland’s ‘learning through landscapes’ project is looking at using school estates for adaption purposes. Work on project brief currently underway.

**Action Karen Ridgewell (KR) to contact PWG to feed into the ‘learning through landscapes’ project brief.**

**Long term action comments:**

Scottish Government’s Place website has been launched and can be used as an information source for local authorities. No local authorities have asked for help using the air quality focused place standard tool yet.

**Other**

**Action for AT,TA and SS to engage with Lynne Ward and Gerry McKenna at Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) regarding delivery plan for NPF4.**

**Co-impact tool has been launched action Gillian Dick to circulate link**

1. **Chair arrangements**

AT asked for those interested in chairing future meetings to express interest to him and TA. A rolling chair arrangement will also be considered depending on level of interest.

1. **Working Group ToR**

ToR circulated by TA.

Change ‘as required basis’ to ‘quarterly’ to maintain focus and momentum in the working groups.

**Action to TA to update TOR and circulate.**

1. **Priorities and Next Steps**

The next meeting will be in mid-June and will be chaired by a member of the group.

Working group to be kept up to date via email on NPF4 consultation responses regarding air quality and how comments can be taken forward.

1. **AOB**

Thanks and close.