

Be part of adapting **Glasgow City Region** to climate change



Climate**Ready**Clyde

An invitation to take part

As interim chair of Climate Ready Clyde, I'm delighted to invite you to take part in this initiative.

I've spent a lot of my professional life thinking and acting on climate change and it's inspiring to see my home city and the surrounding region being so progressive. There are of course many pressures on public bodies as well as businesses across the Glasgow City Region but, for sure, we'll only succeed by planning together for the long term. Together we can prepare for climate change and, in the process, create a region that is even better for people, business and nature. I look forward enthusiastically to our collaboration.

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Climate Ready Clyde – an overview



Climate Ready Clyde is an initiative to create a shared vision, strategy and action plan for an adapting Glasgow City Region.

1.8 million people live, work and play in the Glasgow City Region. A large number of businesses and organisations are based here. Increasingly they are impacted by the effects of climate change, both directly in the Glasgow City Region, and from changes happening around the world.

Climate Ready Clyde brings partners together to work strategically to minimise the risks and seize the opportunities this brings for our economy, society and environment.

Research shows that regions that work in partnership are better placed to adapt to a changing climate¹. Backed by strong leadership and underpinned by expert support and best practice, it provides the most cost-effective way of addressing the impacts of climate change. Our approach reflects this. Climate Ready Clyde will deliver the first city-region adaptation strategy and action plan in Scotland, bringing together key decision-makers to create a step change in adaptation action.

Glasgow City Region has a reputation as a forward-thinking and progressive place. Backed by the

Scottish Government, the Climate Ready Clyde initiative will position the region as a world-leader in the field.

This is your invitation to be part of leading this process. We are inviting organisations and businesses to shape the strategy and action plan by sitting on the Climate Ready Clyde Board, and by part-funding the small secretariat function to deliver the day to day running of the initiative.

This document sets out the proposal and the benefits this opportunity offers your organisation.

Why we must adapt together

Climate change doesn't respect local authority borders or organisational boundaries. This means that impacts of a changing climate can't be addressed in isolation. We need to take a systems approach to prioritising adaptation responses. At present there isn't a clear, shared understanding of the most pressing or significant risks or opportunities. Is transport more of a priority than business? Should we be putting the same amount of effort

into addressing sea level rise as flooding? Getting consensus around these questions will help us prioritise action for the benefit of the entire Glasgow City Region.

Other established partnerships have a role to play in the solution. For example, the Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership and Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership are both supporting the region to adapt but their remit only covers certain hazards, sectors, or places. There are significant gaps in relation to risks from heat waves and higher temperatures, and sea level rise, as well as for some sectors. Working with these existing partnerships, Climate Ready Clyde will take a holistic approach, accounting for all climatic factors and sectors.



¹ CDP (2017) *It takes a city: the case for collaborative climate action*

Climate Ready Clyde outcomes



Climate Ready Clyde is designed as a three year initiative. Funding will be used to support a dedicated specialist secretariat who are experts in adaptation planning and delivery. Working with the organisations involved the secretariat will deliver:

Directly funded activity

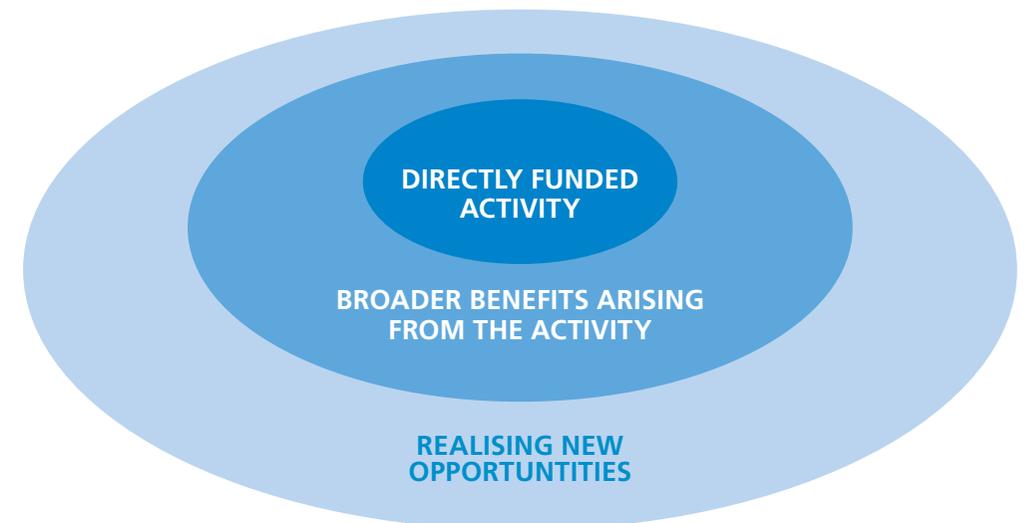
- **A climate risk and vulnerability assessment** identifying the climate change risks and opportunities that the Glasgow City Region needs to prioritise, and where and when action is needed. This will be supported with new evidence as identified through the assessment process
- **An adaptation strategy** incorporating the vision, context and policy drivers and strategies for sectors
- **An adaptation action plan** which sets out existing and new actions to adapt to climate change, with supporting Strategic Environmental Assessment and Cost Benefit Analysis.
- **An annual report** – which demonstrates the value the initiative is delivering on behalf of the Glasgow City Region

Broader benefits arising from the activity

- Opportunities for Glasgow City Region to be part of other regional, national and **international networking and learning opportunities**,
- Expanding the **City region's influence**
- **Making new evidence available** to partners to support their own activities

New opportunities

- **Leveraging further funding** to support delivering the action plan and partners' aspirations
- Opportunities **to build the capacity of partners** across the City Region, through training, tools and guidance



A draft work programme which sets this out in more detail is enclosed and is available online at www.sniffer.org.uk/climatereadyclyde

Delivering the Climate Ready Clyde initiative



Climate Ready Clyde will be established as an unincorporated association, with participants collectively responsible for delivering the programme. This will be governed as follows:

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GROUP	COMPRISING	REMIT
Board	Representatives of each contributing organisation, with an independent, publicly appointed chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collectively responsible for the initiative's activities Set the strategic direction Make major financial decisions associated with the delivery of the work programme.
Secretariat	Manager and support officer with significant expertise in delivering adaptation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead development and delivery of outputs, working with stakeholders from across the Glasgow City Region To work alongside other existing partnerships such as MGSDP, the GCV Green Network partnership and Clydeplan
Task and Finish Groups	Representatives from organisations with particular experience,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the secretariat in delivering specific parts of the work programme
Stakeholder Forum	Wider organisations from the city region and beyond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comment on and inform the regional strategy and action plan Exchange knowledge, ideas and opinion Take wider action to adapt

Wider city region activities and partnerships including:

- Glasgow City Region City Deal
- Research projects
- City Region planning
- Individual organisations' adaptation activities

Draft terms of reference are available online which outline the governance structures in more detail at www.sniffer.org.uk/climatereadyclyde

Benefits for the Glasgow City Region



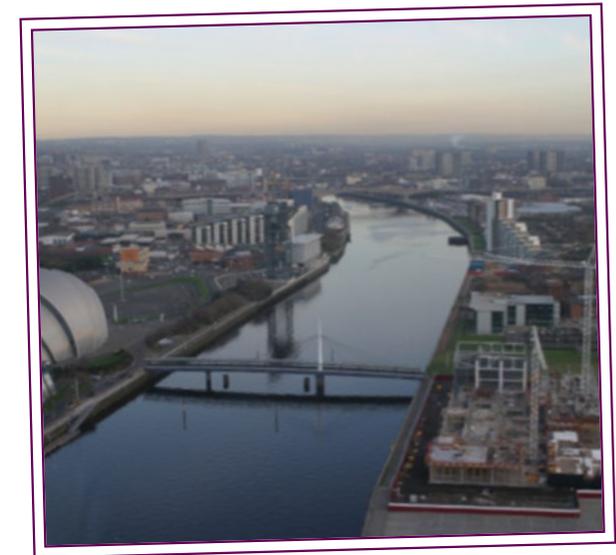
From New York to Rotterdam, leading cities and city regions across the world are collaborating to adapt to climate change. They are doing so based on a number of insights on how climate change is affecting places, and what the best responses are. The benefits are considerable:

- **Addressing strategic needs of the city region**
– Collaboration will help the region address challenges which no one partner is responsible for, such as sea level rise. The process will develop consensus amongst leaders and senior decision makers on regional priorities, and support them to embed adaptation into wider activity such as the City Deal process. It will also let us be more ambitious, addressing a broader range of issues, including how climate change across the wider world will affect the City region and climate justice issues.
- **Securing economic competitiveness and new inward investment** – Failure to adapt to climate change, along with extreme weather events are significant economic risks². Investors, asset management companies and insurers are increasingly looking at how places are adapting to climate change when choosing where to do business or invest. Adapting to climate change can also be an important element in

strengthening the regional economy through opportunities to develop new products and services, establish new businesses and protect and grow existing companies.

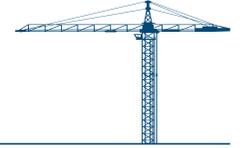
- **Increasing the attractiveness of the City Region as a place to live, work and visit** – A city region resilient to extreme weather events – with housing stock fit for heat waves and heavy winters, an effective transport system no matter the weather and secure energy supply – attracts not only investment but makes the City Region a better place for those that live, work or visit the Glasgow City Region – now and in the future.
- **Making the most of our collective resources through co-ordination** – The ability to address many risks and realise opportunities relies on partnership working. Therefore a co-ordinated approach minimises the efforts of partners, providing a mechanism for targeted discussion and engagement, compared to a ‘many to many’ approach. It will maximise collective effort and resources to comply with statutory duties to

adapt under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act, and the Climate Change Act 2008. Working this way will provide us with evidence and insight to inform decision-making both collectively and individually. It also enables us to leverage additional resources, and have greater influence, profile and reputation.



² World Economic Forum (2017) *Global Risks Report 2017*

The invitation



Climate Ready Clyde will be a three-year £350,000 initiative. To achieve this we are asking each of the organisations we have approached to provide £7,250 per year (exc. of VAT). All funders will have the opportunity to be part of the Climate Ready Clyde Board which will shape and oversee the secretariat's work.

Secure your organisation's role in shaping a Climate Ready Clyde by considering the proposal, confirming you would like to join, and, indicating in principle that you are able to commit the funding. Please also provide a primary and secondary contact who will attend the Board on your organisation's behalf.

For further information see www.sniffer.org.uk/climatereadyclyde including:

- Draft Terms of Reference for the Climate Ready Clyde initiative and board
- A draft work programme setting out detailed proposed activities for year 1
- A questions and answers document

*We hope that you –
the communities, businesses
and organisations that are
the very heart of the
Glasgow City Region –
will join us on our journey
to make this a thriving,
vibrant climate ready region.*



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