

CROSS PARTY GROUP IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ON CONSTRUCTION

1830 Wednesday 1st October 2025

Committee Room 4

Agenda

1. Welcome, introduction, and apologies from Monica Lennon MSP.

Welcome members of the Cross Party Groups in Circular and Nature

2. Matters arising

Notes from the previous meeting on 6 November 2024

3. New member proposals

4. Embodied Carbon White Paper – Jonathan McQuillan

Following 2 years of research with Strathclyde University, supported by funding from Innovate UK and Scottish Enterprise, Anderson Bell Christie have launched their White Paper, titled Balance. This document sets out a roadmap to realise the place-based net zero vision of the Scottish Government.

National Planning Framework 4 sets a clear vision for Scotland with “net zero, nature-positive places that are designed to reduce emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change, whilst protecting, recovering and restoring our environment.” This will require a suite of policies and tools that are not yet in existence.

The White Paper addresses the dual narrative of 1) dramatic carbon reduction in buildings through Circular Construction and the formation of a new Deconstruction Industry and 2) rapid urban greening to deliver carbon sequestration locally. Taken together carbon balance can be achieved within a place. Doing so will mitigate climate change impacts such as urban heating and flooding, while enhancing biodiversity, air quality and wellbeing.

5. Any other business

6. Date of Next Meeting.

To be confirmed