Overview of Scottish Local Authority Action on Climate Change

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Sustainable Scotland Network

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The network of sustainable development lead officers and advocates in Scotland's 32 local authorities.

SD Performance Improvement Framework

1. *Leadership*
2. *Legislation*
3. *Culture Change*
4. *Support Programmes*
5. *Scrutiny*
6. *Resources*

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Members from Scotland's 32 Local Authorities – sustainable development lead officers and advocates from a range of services

Programme priorities:

Best Value / Single Outcome Agreements

Climate Change

Local Footprints (carbon and ecological footprinting)

Procurement for Sustainability

Sustainable Scotland Network

Local Authority capacity building:

- National networking and collaboration
- Monthly Newsletter
- Quarterly Network Meetings
- Annual Conference
- Website: www.sustainable-scotland.net
- Network briefings
- Training

SSN Team based in Keep Scotland Beautiful

Local Authority Leadership

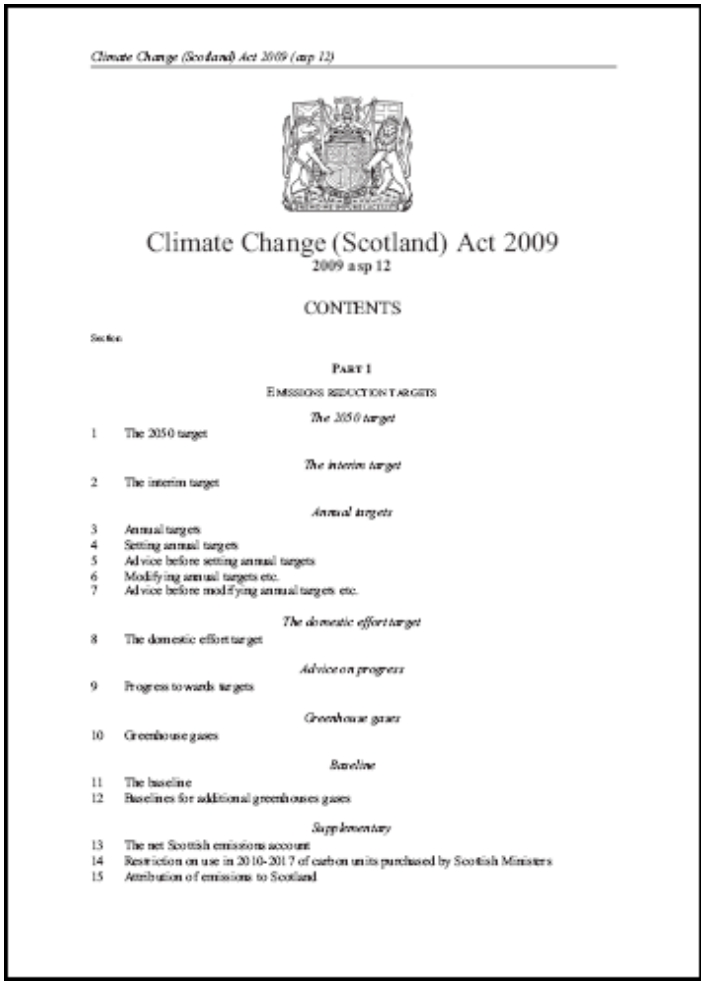
Launched in 2007

Local leadership on climate change mitigation, adaptation, partnership working and reporting.

SCCD Reports online at www.sustainable-scotland.net/climatechange

2009 Reports

Climate Change Legislation



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The 2050 target

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6 Modifying annual targets etc.
7 Advice before modifying annual targets etc.

The domestic effort target

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Advice on progress

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Greenhouse gases

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Baseline

11 The baseline
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Supplementary

13 The net Scottish emissions account
14 Restriction on use in 2010-2017 of carbon units purchased by Scottish Ministers
15 Attribution of emissions to Scotland

- **42% by 2020 : 80% by 2050**
- **Part 4 – public sector duties, including responsibility to contribute sustainably to mitigation and adaptation plans**
- **Part 6 – public engagement plan**
- **Delivery Plan**

Consistent Approach with Support Programmes

- **Local authority 'corporate' emissions**
  Carbon Trust LACMP / CRC
  All local authorities

- **Local area/community-wide emissions**
  Local Footprints Programme, links to NAEI
  16 REAP licenses … LFP 2010 strategy

- **Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts**
  Local Climate Impacts Profiles and SCCIP support
  4 pilot councils / 6 phase two councils

Local Authority CC Governance

COSLA Climate Change Task Group

COSLA Officer Support Group

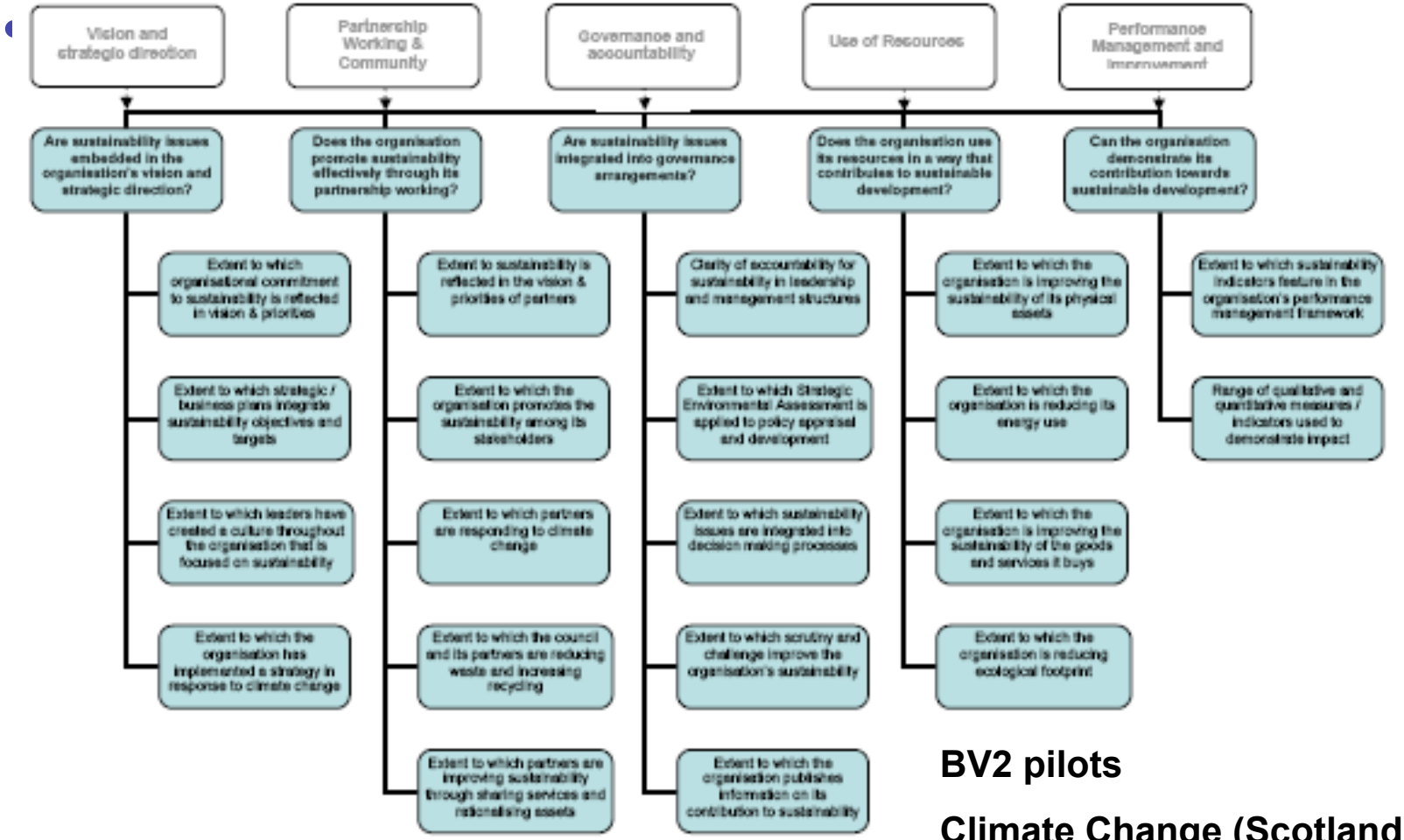
(with SSN, SOLACE, Scottish Government, IS, transport, finance, waste, economic development, planning, energy…)

Priorities:

- Scotland's Climate Change Declaration
- SOAs, Best Value, Community Planning
- Climate Change (Scotland) Act
- Carbon Reduction Commitment
- Consistent and coordinated approaches
- Capacity building

Scrutiny

Sustainability audit framework



BV2 pilots

Climate Change (Scotland) Act?

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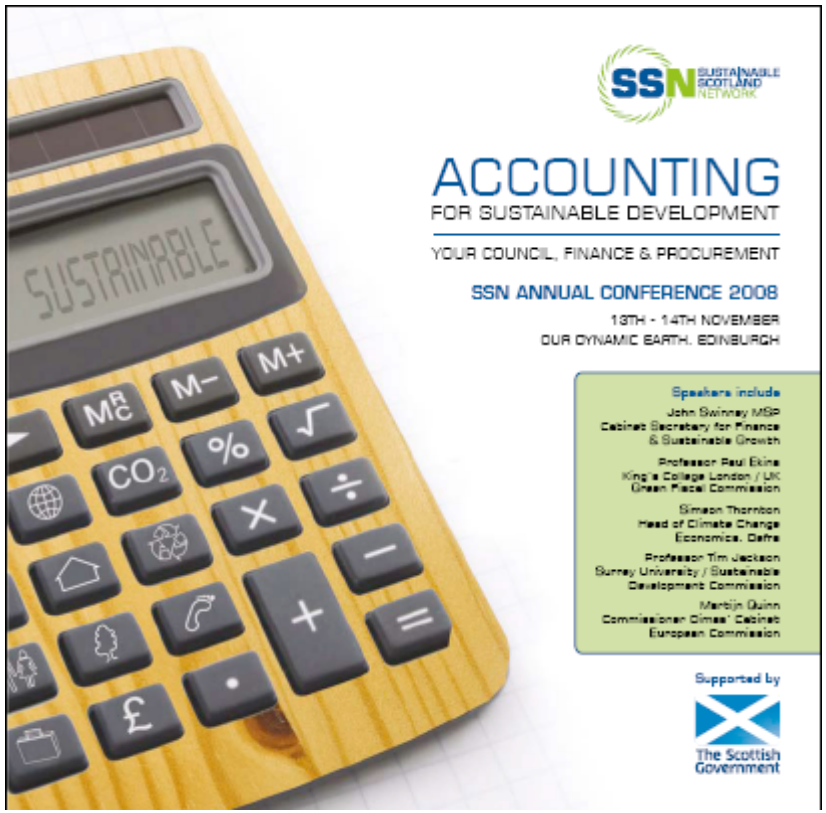
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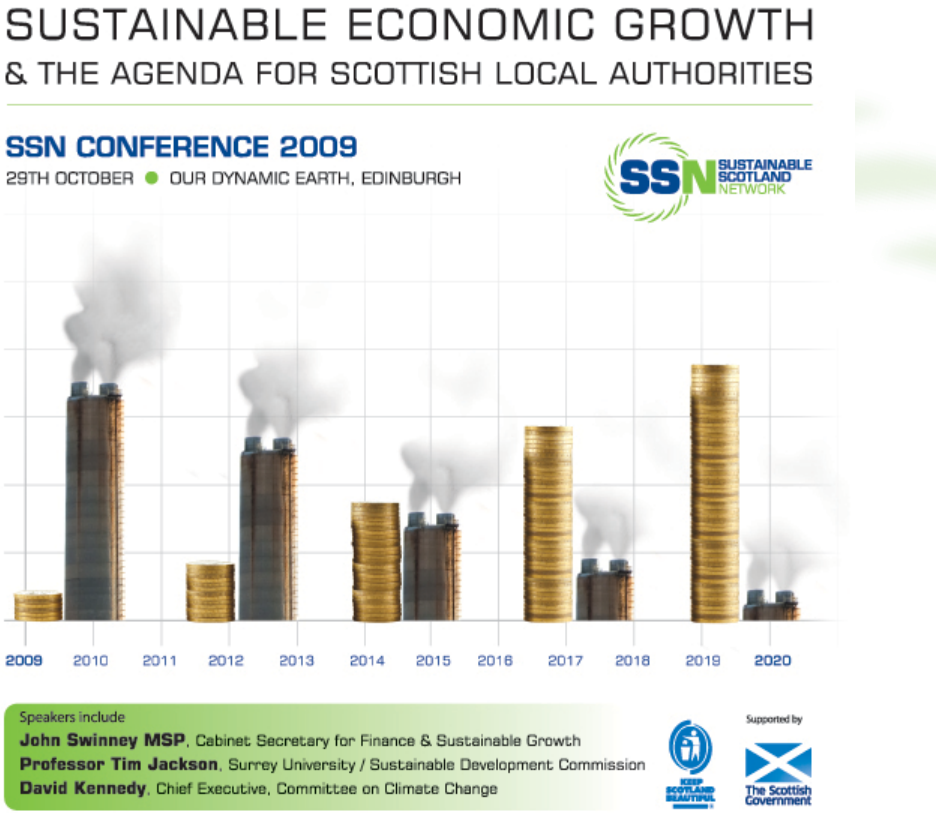
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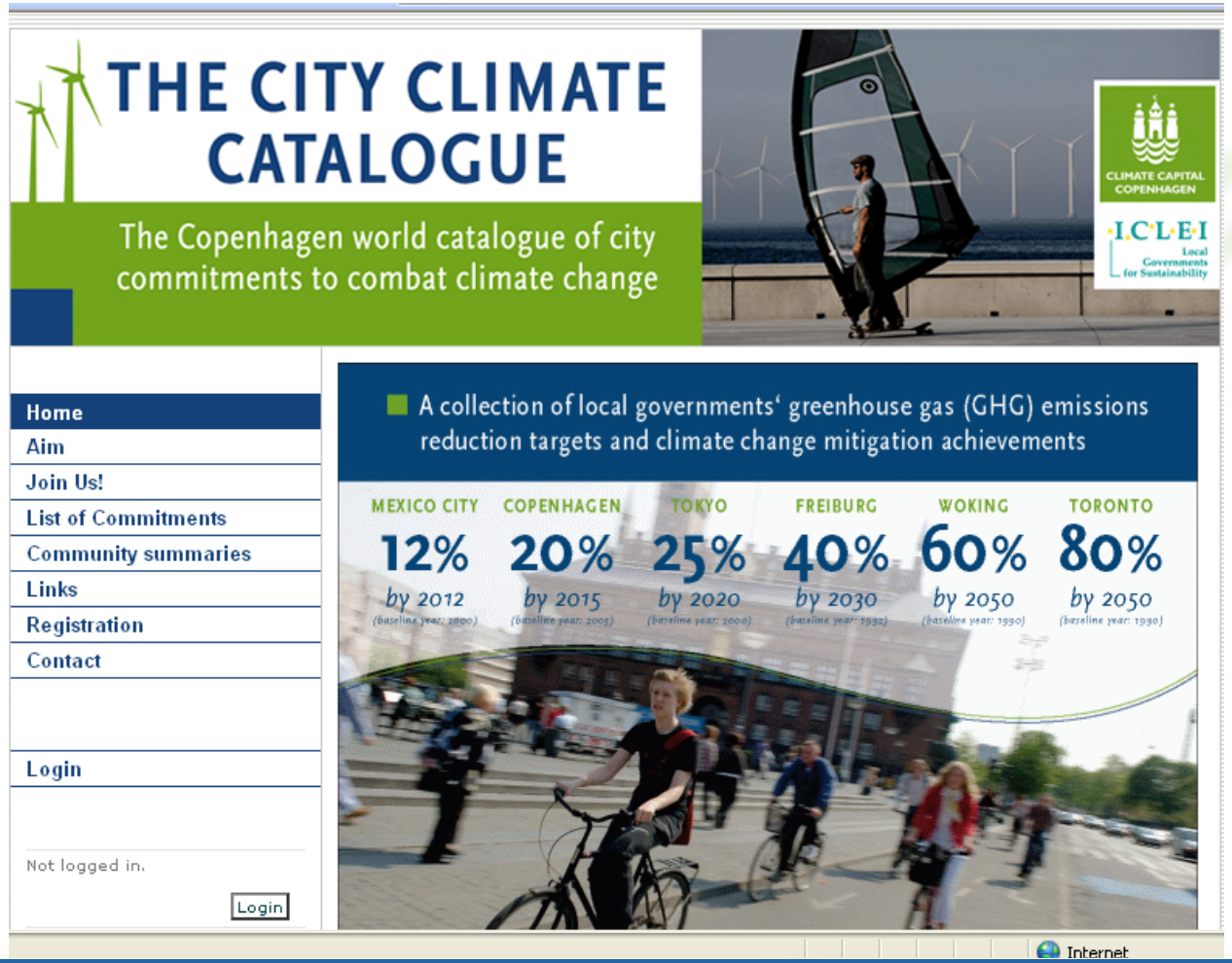

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