



What do planning professionals want from NPF4?

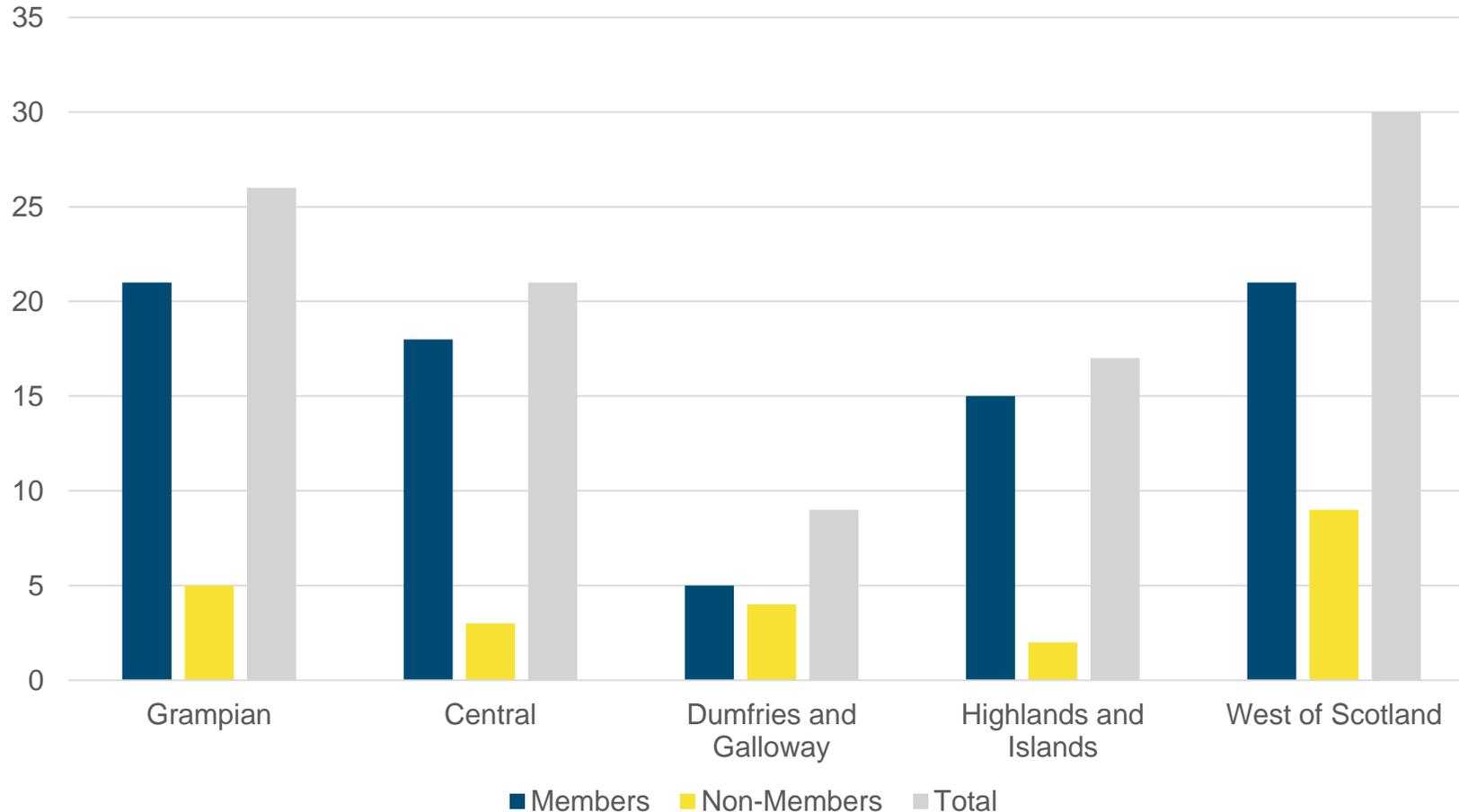
Analysis of feedback from
RTPI Scotland NPF4 Chapter
Workshops

Workshop Outline

- Small groups were asked to propose a policy or project for inclusion in NPF4 that would take climate action under the broader theme of People, Work or Place
- NPF4 world cup competition to choose 'best' idea
- Scottish Government Q&A

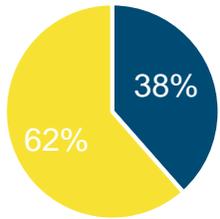


Overall Statistics – Delegate Turnout



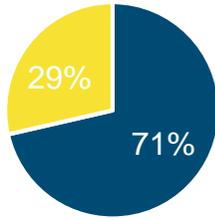
Overall Statistics – Gender

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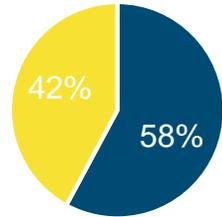
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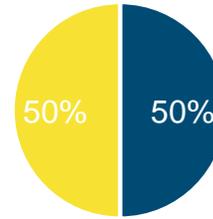
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Highlands and Islands



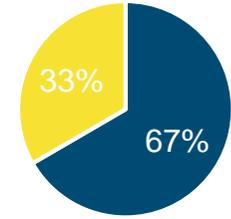
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West of Scotland



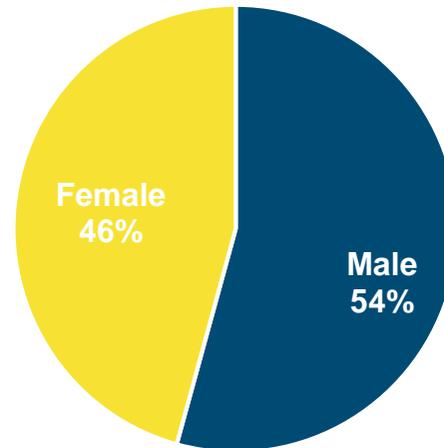
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Dumfries and Galloway



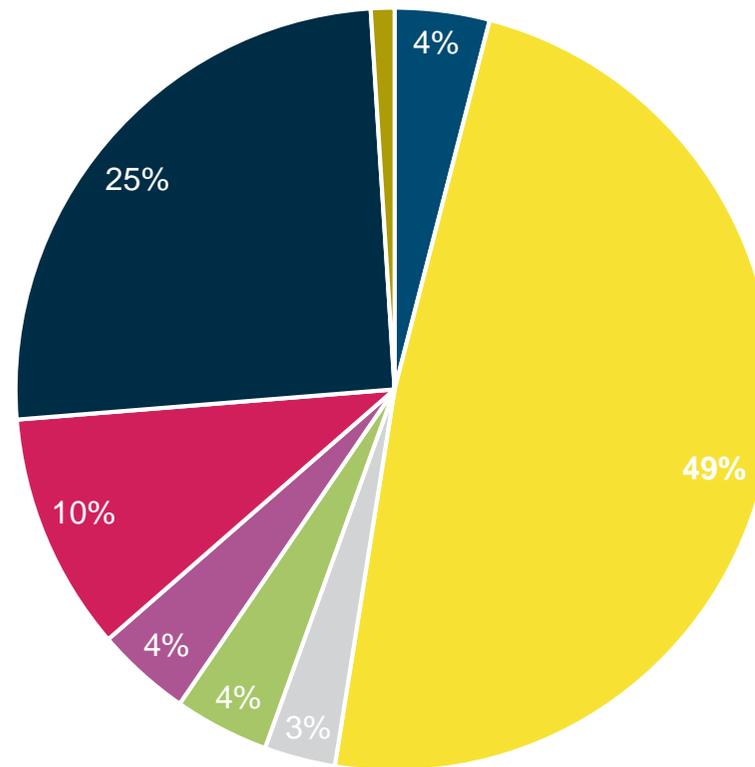
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Overall



Overall Statistics – Delegate Organisation Sector

- Charities
- Local authority/Central government
- Agencies/Arms length governmental organisations
- Universities
- Development industry
- Consultants
- Not specified
- Legal



Workshop Reflection

- Five of the chapters took part in workshop style events
- Unfortunately, both the South East Scotland and the East of Scotland chapter events had to be cancelled in light of the Coronavirus outbreak
- Successful delegate turnouts
- Almost 50/50 male/female split
- The workshop format suited smaller groups
- Feedback suggested that delegates really enjoyed the events, particularly the competition aspect of the workshop



Workshop ideas ('winning' ideas in red)

Active travel infrastructure

Rural transport policy

Generate live work breathe local

Rural intergenerational hub

Infrastructure improvements to reduce travel

Reducing dependence on polluting vehicles

Digital connectivity outside of cities

District heat

Low carbon investment area

Presumption in favour of sustainability

Integrated green land use policy

Localised incubator units

Megabytes from megawatts

Green infrastructure standards

Connectivity

Town centres first for the salvation of the world

Transport problems and energy opportunities

Protecting and creating great places to combat the climate emergency

Implementing ecosystem services and functions

District heating

Invested place

Common heat

Add value to local services

Energy efficiency within community district heating

Flooded with ideas

Zero carbon place



Main themes and feedback

| Themes | Feedback |
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| Transport | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve active travel infrastructure and routes to make it safe, convenient and enjoyable for individuals• Reduce the dependence on cars and encourage a behaviour change• Improve the accessibility and attraction of public transport services e.g. increase the quality and timing of services in rural areas and aim to make services free for everyone |
| Energy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set up and scale up district heating in both new and existing housing developments, particularly in rural areas• Introduce a localised energy network linked to communities that uses outcome based pricing for electricity i.e. paying for quality rather than quantity• Focus on making energy intensive areas low carbon e.g. Grangemouth• Allow local authorities to set achievable energy goals and harness their own energy to supply these – this will limit wasteful behaviour• NPF4 could make a policy that requires new developments to submit a carbon statement with their planning application. Developments would be given an energy score to check their sustainability. |

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| Community and Work | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make commutes shorter and working arrangements more flexible by introducing community hubs throughout rural areas that are open to everyone.• Provide opportunities to work and learn here, care for both old and young dependents and set up services that reflect priorities in those communities• Utilise existing buildings and derelict outdoor spaces as part of this• Provide better infrastructure, particularly in rural areas, to allow individuals to work from home or remotely from a community hub i.e. make high speed broadband accessible• Draw people back to town centres by considering them for modern, sustainable developments that would strengthen community and culture in these areas• Invest in local people by creating developments that provide long-term employment opportunities |

Other key considerations

Rural context

There was a lot of discussion in each of the events about improving infrastructure, services and policy in rural areas. It would suggest that in rural contexts, there is vital work to be done to take climate change action and in general, there needs to be greater attention placed on national developments in rural areas in NPF4.

Health & wellbeing

Nearly all of the group presentations had consideration towards the mental and physical health impacts their project or policy would have on people. Topics included safety, obesity, dementia, social isolation, the flexibility of lifestyle choices and other niche concerns.

Thinking locally

Delegates were keen to suggest national development projects and policies that benefitted different areas at a local level. One suggestion was to make use of local resources in developments for that area.



Other key considerations

Behaviour change

Consideration was made to the fact that national developments only go a certain length to tackling climate change. Changing both behaviour and attitudes of individuals alongside smart planning is key to making a difference. Development ideas that would actively encourage a culture change were suggested.

Regeneration and place-making

Thought was made into how high quality design and place-making could be made more sustainable. A suggestion was made for a more clear definition and 'gold standard' of place-making. Retrofitting and regenerating old buildings and derelict outdoor spaces for better use was a popular theme. A request was also made for more national research into identifying alternative sustainable uses for land e.g. flood protection.





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**Thank you to all of the
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