

Piloting the Place Standard Tool with a Climate Lens – Pilot update

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Place Standard Tool with climate lens - intention

What do we want to achieve?

A way for **communities** to:

- envisage what their places could look like in a future that is climate ready and climate just
- share local knowledge

A way for **organisations** to:

- Be confident in addressing climate change in place making conversations
- Join the dots across policy areas
- Avoid risks or liabilities from failing to consider climate change
- Begin difficult conversations with communities most impacted

A way for **communities and organisations to work together** to consider how to

- Design local responses to climate change holistically and help achieve other local priorities
- Co-create local adaptation and mitigation actions

We asked pilots their views on adding climate change to the PST *They said: "Why wouldn't you?"*

Preparing for the future

- Need to engage real people in real places to take real action
- Won't achieve net zero or climate resilience without good placemaking
- Impossible to plan for the future WITHOUT thinking about climate

To build and share local knowledge

- People struggle to envisage an alternative future, helps people to imagine what climate change could mean locally
- Local insight will make or break climate solutions – can't impose top down
- Facts and figures not enough to trigger action, need narratives that resonate and the right people round the table. PST a great way to deliver this

Being fair and inclusive

- Procedural justice and opportunities for communities to have a say in how to address climate as part of placemaking



Phase 1 pilot projects

Where have we trialled the climate lens?

- At a range of scales (from neighbourhood, to landscape, to whole LA)
- In different settings – virtual, in person, outdoors and with different project types



Aberdeenshire
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Climate Ready Strathdon



Buckhaven Neighbourhood Plan



Edinburgh's Thriving Green Spaces



Greater Pollok placemaking



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supporting climate change resilience



Reflections on the pilot – so far

What is working well?

- ✓ Valuable to include climate change in all PST sessions
- ✓ People want to act on climate change locally – real enthusiasm once people understand what can be achieved
- ✓ Translates complex academic ideas into locally owned action



What needs more refining?

- Support for facilitators – training, visuals, facilitation tools
- Sessions become longer and more complex
- Need more visual media / facilitation tools
- People still struggle to separate out resilience and net zero
- What is the end result? What do we do with this?
- Are we in danger of targeting communities in financial hardship and missing out on the big emitting wealthy areas?

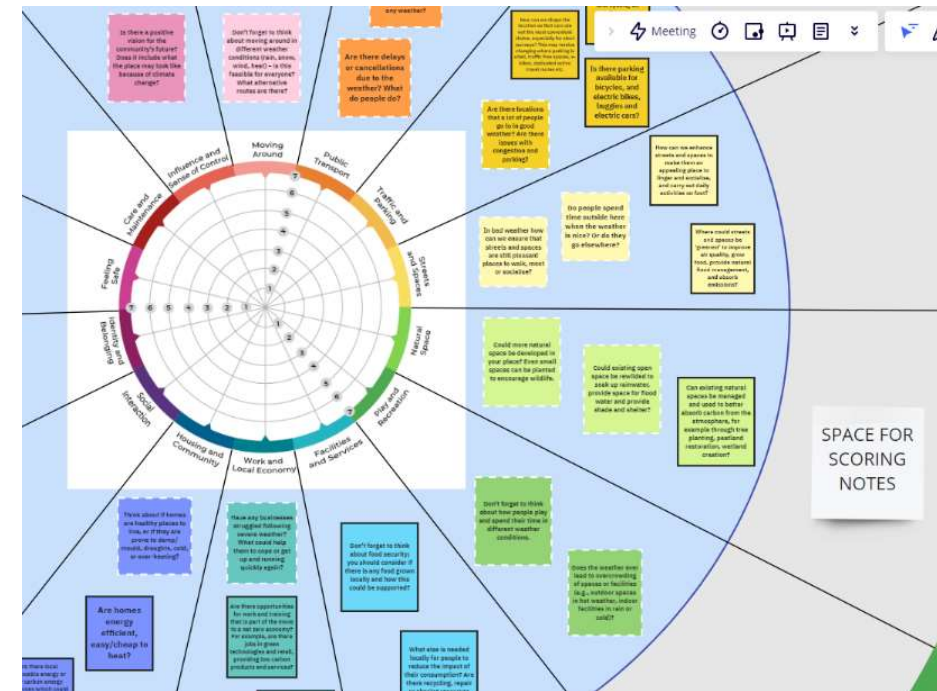
The use of the pilot tool helped us to think more broadly and expands inquisitiveness

It's a low cost activity that isn't reliant on software, deep expert knowledge, etc - helps democratise the process of knowledge production

Changes made to Climate Lens materials

Thanks to Phase 1 pilots for their great feedback

- Miro board for recording session notes and scores https://miro.com/app/board/o9J_lgiE-vg/?invite_link_id=213939121400
- Request for all climate change prompts to appear in one place – separate print out for facilitators
- Visual materials for facilitation - posters, workbooks, videos
- Guidance to emphasise importance of using a map – much less abstract and helps to be solution focussed
- Facilitators with an understanding of climate change really do aid the process. Could we develop training or videos to support them?
- Updating materials with links to new quantitative tools
- Various minor edits to the language in the supporting materials (new version being finalised)



Phase 2 pilot projects

New locations came on board Dec 2021

5 second phase pilots onboard already, 2 more interested

Who else is interested?



Highland Adapts / Northwest 45 TBC



Live Life Morvern, Argyle and Bute



Community Councils in Ward 23, Glasgow TBC



Stewarton, East Ayrshire

Blackburn, West Lothian

Stevenston, North Ayrshire



One Carluke, South Lanarkshire



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Timeline for the rest of the project

Key dates

- February 2022: Phase two pilot project sessions being held
- Feb - end Mar 2022: Final write up of pilot project. Evaluation of lessons from pilot projects and amendments made to PST climate lens materials
- Q1-2 development of visual materials and other facilitation support tools to accompany the climate lens and online version
- Q2 2022-23: Launch of materials on PlaceStandard.scot linked to from the Our Place website
- *We are looking for early adopters to use the Climate lens version of the Place Standard in the first half of 2022-23,*
- *if you would like to take part – watch this space*

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