

# A plan to use cars less so we have a healthier, fairer and greener Scotland



## Our target – what we want to achieve.



Climate change is the way the world's weather and temperature are changing because there is too much carbon dioxide or greenhouse gas into the air.

A lot of Scotland's carbon dioxide gas comes from vehicle exhausts.



Scotland's Climate Change Plan in 2020 wants people to use their cars less.



Reducing car use will help us reach the targets set by the Scottish Parliament to put less carbon dioxide gas into the air.

## Benefits – why this will be good for Scotland



Having fewer car journeys will:

- make our health better because the air will be cleaner
- make things fairer so people have the same choices and chances



- help Scotland to grow the wealth of the country so it works well for everyone
- make our public places better so they are more attractive, safer and healthier spaces to live, work and spend leisure time

## Ways that Scotland can change



A group called the Climate Assembly is made up of people who represent people who live in Scotland.



Most of the Climate Assembly members agreed that the Scottish Government needs to support people to move from using their car to:

- using public transport
- or walking, wheeling or cycling



More than half of the Climate Assembly members supported a plan to increase road taxes for private car use.

The money would be used to make public transport cheaper.



Cars make up most of the traffic on Scottish roads.

Most journeys in Scotland are made by car.



Many car journeys could be made in other ways.

Many people in Scotland do not have a car, particularly people in households that do not have enough money for the things they need.



The Climate Change Plan does not want to stop people using their cars if they need to.

This would not be fair especially for:

- disabled people who need a car
- people travelling in the countryside where accessible public transport is not always available





We have made a plan called a 'route map.

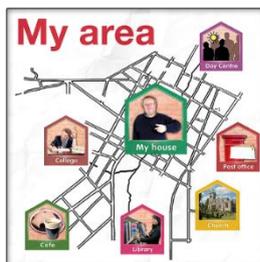
We want people to think about other ways to do things instead of always using their car.



The route map has 4 things we want everyone in Scotland to think about when they plan a journey:



1. do things online, for example online shopping or online meetings so you do not need to travel.



2. choose to go to local places so you do not have to travel as far.



3. switch to walking, wheeling, cycling or public transport where you can.



4. If using a car is the only way you can travel:

- do more than one thing on a trip
- or share a journey

so you have less car trips to make.



Our route map sets out the actions we will take between now and 2030 to support each of these four things.

By 2025 we will make a plan called a Car Demand Management Framework to encourage people to use their cars less.

## List of Actions: what work will we do?

### Supporting people to travel less



- help more people access better internet services including faster broadband internet connection



- encourage employers to support employees with **flexible working**

**Flexible working** is a way of working that suits an employee's needs.

It can be things like working from home or having being able to start and finish work at different times.



- look at ways to have local work hubs

These would be quiet, safe, and connected places to work for people who have an office job.



- reduce the need for travel by patients, visitors and NHS staff by having:

- video consulting services
- new health services in the community
- care where services work better together better to reduce the number of separate appointments and journeys



## Supporting people to live well locally



- Use the **Place Principle** and Place Standard

The **Place Principle** says organisations that provide services and look after places must work and plan with local communities to make them work well for everyone.



- deliver the **Housing to 2040** actions to build stronger communities

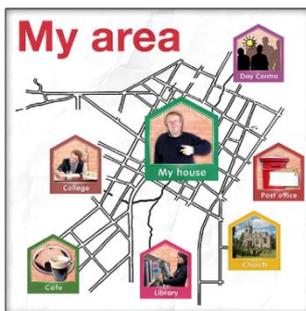
**Housing to 2040** is how we want to make sure everyone in Scotland has a safe, good quality and affordable home that meets their needs in the place they want to be.

- deliver **20-minute neighbourhoods**

**20-minute neighbourhoods** are places where the people who live there have easy access to many of the places and services they use every day.

This includes shops, restaurants, schools and parks.

They can reach these places without using their car a lot.





- find ways to have **mobility hubs**

**Mobility hubs** are spaces where different types of transport come together including:

- public transport
- shared transport like car-sharing
- active travel to encourage people to walk, wheel or cycle.

- by 2025 have 20 mile an hour speed limits in all areas where there are a lot of houses

## Supporting people to change to more sustainable ways to travel.

**Sustainable** means it will last for a long time and is better for the environment.



- put more money into supporting active travel and **active freeways**

**Active freeways** are high quality active travel routes that support people to walk, wheel or cycle safely between different places.



- encourage more people to cycle by:
  - supporting more people to have a bike
  - having better ways to transport bikes



- continuing work on road safety especially for people walking and cycling



- start **Low Emission Zones** in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow in Spring 2022

A **Low Emission Zone** is an area where they are trying to have cleaner air.



- continue to check transport **governance** to see if it is working well

**Governance** is how organisations work, what they are responsible for and which people are in charge.



- have a review of public transport fares including all the discounts and concessionary schemes that make travel cheaper for people

We want to make sure they are fair.



- free bus travel for young people aged under 22 in Scotland from January 2022



- keep putting money into bus services over a long time
- start a Community Bus Fund to support local transport authorities to make public transport better in their areas



- start a National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board

This Board would give advice on a standard for smart ticketing.

A smart ticket is a rail ticket that can be loaded onto smartcards, mobile phones or printed at home.



- put money into checking and repairing rail services to make them better



- support integrated journeys at ferry terminals

An integrated journey makes it easier for people to move to the next stage of their journey when they get off the ferry.



- make new car parking plans including:
  - make sure people are following the pavement parking ban
  - developing **Workplace Parking Levy** rules and guidance



The **Workplace Parking Levy** is a charge for parking spaces at workplaces.

The money that is raised is used to make public transport better.



- support more people to walk, wheel, cycle and use public and community transport to NHS sites



- put money into the Eco Schools Scotland Programme

This is part of the Learning for Sustainability programme.

It supports young people to learn about climate change.

## Supporting people to join up trips or share trips



**Mobility as a Service** is an online way for users to plan, book, and pay for different mobility services

It helps people move away from using a car to use transport that is better for the environment.

- find ways to use Mobility as a Service to give people better information and easier access to transport



- when the coronavirus pandemic is over, tell more people about the good things about car-sharing and car clubs

Car clubs are local membership services.

People can rent a car for a short period when they need to, usually paying by the minute, hour or day.