# **SWITCH Forum**



### **AGM AGENDA**

- Introduction from Dundee City Council (Heather Anderson)
- Welcome and Introductions (Charlie Devine)
- Annual Chairs Report for year ending 2022 (Jim Brown)
- Annual Financial Report of the Trustees (Alasdair Meldrum)
- H&S Chair Report (Jim Brown)
- ETC Chair Report (Duncan Simpson)
- Communicate and Agreement of re-election of Trustees & Co-Opted Trustees (All)
- Q&A Feedback
- AOB

### **ANNUAL CHAIRS REPORT**

### 1. Mission

SWITCH was established in 2014 to provide a focus for health and safety as well as education, training and competence issues in the resources and waste sector. In its first years it was supported by Zero Waste Scotland (ZWS) in terms of both staff time and funding. SWITCH established itself as a charitable organisation (SCIO SC049670) in 2019 and since then the trustees have been working hard to re-establish the brand, update the website, engage with the sector and act as a hub of support and knowledge and to continue its good work and progress into the future.

SWITCH Forum's mission is to: Create a common vision of and provide leadership for the Resource Management sector by working collaboratively to raise standards within the sector regarding Health & Safety, and Education, Training and Technical Competence.

SWITCH membership is open to anyone who works in the waste and resource management sector. SMEs are set to benefit most from access to the SWITCH Forum due to free and easily accessible information and resources from a wide variety of members with varying areas of expertise and depth of knowledge, and all resources are freely available on our website: <a href="https://switchforum.org.uk/">https://switchforum.org.uk/</a>

You can help to grow SWITCH by encouraging colleagues across the Resource Management sector to join up here: <a href="https://switchforum.org.uk/membership/">https://switchforum.org.uk/membership/</a>

# 2. Strategy & Aims

### **SWITCH Forum aims to:**

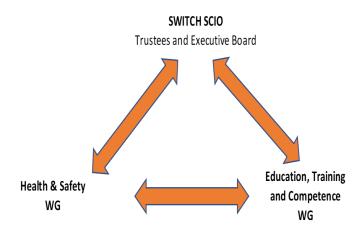
- Provide information on current activities within health and safety, training, learning and development, and technical competence in the Scottish resource management industry
- Actively share work which comes out of the Health and Safety and the Education, Training and Competency work groups
- Actively share developments from WISH
- Host one annual conference per annum (if permitted and in line with current COVID-19 guidelines and good practice)

Key to SWITCH success is the translation of legislation into practical advice and guidance via the WISH forum, which specifically tailors the advice to the target audience i.e. the waste management industry. This guidance provides practical, easy to access examples of operational best practice

across various types of waste management operations. The process involves identifying good practice, writing it up into a helpful and consistent format and then quality checking it and posting. Once posted the materials can be marketed via our website and social media channels.

Ambassadors and SWITCH members are asked to highlight or repost media content to expand its reach and coverage. This shows the importance of relationships with Zero Waste Scotland, Scottish Government, Resource Management Association Scotland (RMAS), Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM), ROSPA, Scottish Environmental Services Association (SESA), Local Authority Waste Managers Network, Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), SEPA, Scottish Qualification Authority, Energy & Utility Skills, Renewable Energy Association and others who help expand the range and penetration of the communications.

The SWITCH Forum consists of the two groups, the Health and Safety Working Group, and the Education, Training and Competence Working Group. Resources and information are freely shared between the two groups and the Trustees, and webinars are open to everyone.



# 3. Chair's report

Since the creation of the SWITCH SCIO in 2019 and the relaunch of the SWITCH brand, the Trustees have continued with the model of virtual meetings, and this has been successful so it has been continued to date. This has encouraged and enabled colleagues from different geographical locations to join meetings and webinars which previously may have been unmanageable due to distance. This also helps to reduce our impact on the environment through reduced travel. Successes over the last 12 months have included continuing & extending the monthly webinar programme

with a series of high-quality informative webinars now available on the SWITCH website, and the continuation of regular SWITCH meetings. We have collaborated closely with WISH and the relationship continues to be strong and productive. We have also collaborated and partnered with the University of West of Scotland (UWS) to develop two SCQF Level 8 (20 credit) modules aimed at supervisor level operatives in the resource and waste sector.

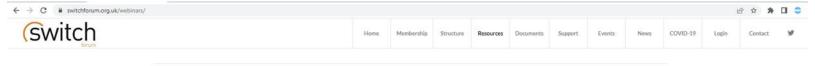
News articles and links are posted on the SWITCH website on relevant articles such as HSE training – check out this link to find out more <a href="https://switchforum.org.uk/2022/10/">https://switchforum.org.uk/2022/10/</a>

Over the course of the last year, SWITCH Forum has achieved the following:

- Maintained an accurate database of members
- Arranged virtual meetings
- Updated a COVID-19 specific resources webpage
- Regularly posted on social media channels Twitter & LinkedIn to expand the reach of the SWITCH Forum
- Delivered a series of workshops & webinars on topics relevant to members, now established monthly
- Continued to engage with Scottish Government following changes to personnel
- Successfully applied for funding and sponsorship
- Continued to collaborate with WISH in the provision and promotion of good practice guidance on COVID-19 procedures
- Worked closely with RMAS to cross-fertilise ideas and share resources.

The webinars held over the last year have been recorded and are available to view on the SWITCH website: <a href="https://switchforum.org.uk/webinars/">https://switchforum.org.uk/webinars/</a>

- 27.01.2022 WAMITAB Developing Skills for the Future Albion
- 24.02.2022 Safety Issues in the Recycling Sector Brewster Bros
- 31.03.2022 Inspection Enforcement & Sector News HSE
- 28.04.2022 Bioaerosols SLR Consulting & WISH
- 26.05.2022 SWITCH-ing Up your H&S Advetec
- 29.09.2022 Fire Suppression HELIOS
- 27.10.2022 Scotland Against Modern Slavery















SWITCH webinars are available on our website

SWITCH continues to benefit from the experience of Yas Watson of Albion Environmental in supporting and organising SWITCH with tasks such as updating the website and social media channels, arranging meetings, collating minutes and many other essential yet often unnoticed functions. Yas is responsible for ensuring that the background administration of SWITCH continues to run smoothly and efficiently, and we would like to thank Yas for her continuing competence, professionalism and patience in organising the Trustees! SWITCH has ongoing arrangements with Albion Environmental for invoicing time spent on SWITCH development & administration.

### 4. Governance

The original SWITCH SCIO Trustees remain in place. The Trustees consist of Chairperson (Jim Brown), Treasurer (Alasdair Meldrum) and Secretary (Gail Orr). Co-opted Trustees who assist with running the SWITCH Forum are Fiona Craig, Duncan Simpson and Charlie Devine. The Trustees are all volunteers who meet on a regular basis to arrange events, meetings & webinars and ensure that SWITCH runs effectively. The annual AGM 2022 is the first in-person meeting to be held in person since Covid-19 hit in March 2020, but SWITCH Trustees continue to hold regular meetings and have even managed to master the technology after two and a half years of online meetings!



# 5. Ambassadors and Key Stakeholders

To carry out the work of SWITCH we rely on the good will and voluntary contributions of our SWITCH ambassadors.

Several ambassadors will be considered to be key stakeholders and in addition to representing their own organisation they may also represent a key stakeholder group.

### We are indebted to:

- Open University <a href="http://www.open.ac.uk/scotland/">http://www.open.ac.uk/scotland/</a> for providing support to develop our website
- SWITCH ambassadors (past and present) for freely contributing their time, expertise and company resources to support the aims and objectives of SWITCH.
- Company sponsors who have either hosted or paid to host SWITCH meetings and events.

We will continue to require limited amount of funding to grow and develop SWITCH, so we welcome any approaches for:

- Companies looking to sponsor events, for example our annual event
- Host meetings or contribute to the cost.
- Grant or donations to support the work of SWITCH
- Deliver webinars





























# Scottish Waste Industry Training, Competency, Health & Safety Forum (SWITCH)





Receipts and payments accounts								
	Period start date				Period end date			
For the period	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year	
from	31	10	2021		31	10	2022	

Section A Statement of re	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	-		-	-	-	
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	
Grants		7,565	_	_	7,565	
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	
Gross trading receipts	_	_		_	_	
Income from investments other than						
land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-	
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	_	-	-	-	-	
A1 Sub total	-	7,565	-	-	7,565	-
A2 Receipts from asset &						
investment sales Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-		_	_	-	
Proceeds from sale of investments	_	-	_	_	_	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	-	7,565	-	-	7,565	
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	_	_	_	_	-	
Gross trading payments	_	_	_	_	-	
Investment management costs	_	_	_	_	_	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	13,711	7,565	_	_	21,276	
Grants and donations		-	_	_	-	
Governance costs:	_	_		_	_	
Audit / independent examination	_			_	_	
Preparation of annual accounts	_	_	_	_	_	
Legal costs						
Other		-	<del>-</del>	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
A3 Sub total	13,711	7,565	-	-	21,276	
A4 Payments relating to asset and						
investment movements Purchases of fixed assets						
	-	-	-	-	-	
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	13,711	7,565	-	-	21,276	
Net receipts / (payments)	(13,711)	-	-	-	(13,711)	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year						
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APPENDIX 2

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<b>Section B Statement</b>	t of balances						
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		19,110	-	-		19,110	-
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(13,711)	-	-	-	(13,711)	-
						-	
						_	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	5 200			_	F 200	
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments	5,399	-		-	5,399	-
	account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-
				Fund to which	accet balance	Morket valuation	Loot year
	Details			runa to which	asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments	N/A					to flearest 2	to nearest 2
					Total		
	Details		Fund to which	asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets							
				Total			
	Details			Fund to which	liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	Trade creditors not yet paid			Unrest	tricted	962	962
					Total	962	962
	Details			Fund to which	liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
B5 Contingent liabilities	N/A					to nearest £	to nearest £
					Total	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature			Print Name			Date of approval
	Boden Meld		ALASDAIR MELDRI	UM			03 July 2023
			JIM BROWN				03 July 2023

C1 Nature and purpose of

# Scottish Waste Industry Training, Competency, Health & SaSC049670

# Section C Notes to the Accounts

funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)	SWITCH was incorporated on 31st (out by SWITCH. Dec 2020 a donation was also recieved and during the 20 onjectives of SWITCH. Costs to SW 1 day per week. This is charged by A has been applied for NI, use of facility	on was recieved from 21/21 year a total ITCH are for 365 a Albion at a cost rat	om CIWM for £21,073 of £5,990 was drawn accounts / IT support te (ie same rate as en	<ol> <li>A Scottihs Gove down to help deli and adminstration aployee wage) an</li> </ol>	erment grant ver the n time at approx d no addition
	Type of activity or project	supported		Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants	N/A				
				Total	-
C3a Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during a trustee cross this box (otherwise co	-	-	on connected to	х
	Auth	ority under whic	h paid		£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details					
C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any characteristic (otherwise complete section 4b)	arity trustee during	the period then cross	s this box	х
				Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details					
	Nature of relationship	Nature o	f transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected					
persons					
C6 Other information					

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Additional analysis (1)						
Analysis of receipts and payments						
1 Donations						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
N/A					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Grants						
2 Grants	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
N/A					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-			-	-
	-	reference			reference	-
3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities	5					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
N/A	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
N/A					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	_	_	_	_	-	_
Total						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Payments relating directly to charitable activi	ties			_		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment	Permanent endowment	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	funds to nearest £	funds to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
N/A					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Additional analysis (2)						
5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Unrestricted		
	fund 1 - enter	fund 2 - enter	fund 3 - enter	fund 4 - enter		
	below	below	below	below		
					Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total		-	-	-		
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets  Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	_	_	_		-	
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Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	cross ref error	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total manuscrite					-	
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	cross ref error	_
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	_	_	-	-	_
					cross ref error	
Nature and purpose of funds						

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# Additional analysis (3) 6 Breakdown of restricted funds Restricted fund Restricted fund Restricted fund 1 - enter name of 2 - enter name of 3 - enter name of 4 - enter name of fund below fund below fund below fund below **Total restricted Total restricted** funds funds last period Receipts **Donations** Legacies Grants Receipts from fundraising activities Gross trading receipts Income from investments other than land and buildings Rents from land & buildings Gross receipts from other charitable activities Sub total cross ref error Receipts from asset & investment sales Proceeds from sale of fixed assets Proceeds from sale of investments Sub total Total receipts cross ref error **Payments** Expenses for fundraising activities Gross trading payments Investment management costs Payments relating directly to charitable activities Grants and donations Governance costs: Audit / independent examination Preparation of annual accounts Legal costs Sub total cross ref error Payments relating to asset and investment movements Purchases of fixed assets Purchase of investments Sub total Total payments cross ref error Net receipts / (payments) Transfers to / (from) funds Surplus / (deficit) for year Nature and purpose of funds

#### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of SWITCH

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2022 which are set out in the Annual Financial Report of the Trustees presented to the SWITCH AGM.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### Independent examiner's statement

During my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name: Adrian Bond

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: MCIWM

Address: Zero Waste Scotland, Moray House, Forthside Way, Stirling FK8 1QZ

Date: 11/7/2023

### COMMUNICATION AND AGREEMENT OF RE-ELECTION OF TRUSTEES AND CO-OPTED TRUSTEES

### TRUSTEES – Offer to Stand for Re-election

- Jim Brown (Chair H&S)
- Alasdair Meldrum (Treasurer)
- Gail Orr (Secretary)

### • CO-OPTED TRUSTEES - Offer to Stand for Re-election

- Duncan Simpson (Chair ETC)
- Charlie Devine (Chair H&S)
- Fiona Craig (ETC)