

Greens to discuss Bute House Agreement

The Scottish Green Party has announced that members will discuss the Bute House Agreement at a General Meeting.

Co-leaders Patrick Harvie and Lorna Slater have asked the party's Standing Orders Committee for this and there have also been requests from party members to the Executive Committee.

The party says the decision to hold a General Meeting will give as many members as possible a chance to have their say on key issues. It comes in the wake of The Scottish Government's response to the climate emergency backtracking on climate change targets and follows a well-attended online meeting on Sunday evening which was oversubscribed with questions to be answered in the allotted time.

Co-leader Lorna Slater said: "The intention, as a democratic party, is to give members the opportunity to debate and decide how the party moves forward, how we continue to build on the progress we have made on our manifesto commitments and to deliver our vision of a fairer, greener Scotland.

"We have achieved more for people and planet in the past 32 months than other parties have in decades. Now we want to hear from our members on how they want us to continue this progress.

"Our party is rich in talent and determined voices including campaigners and activists, councillors and MSPs, which is why the Tories, Labour, big polluters, greedy corporate interests

and right-wing media commentators are so determined to try and have us fail.

“They fear the progress we have made on making big polluters pay, on rent protections, free bus travel for young people and record levels of spending on climate and nature, and they hate having a pro-independence majority in government at Holyrood.

“Not everything in politics is easy, as we have seen over recent years, months and days, but our strength as a green movement is in standing up against those destructive forces who would set fire to everything we have achieved if given half the chance.

“The Scottish Greens are powered by our people, and by shaping the direction we go in our members will provide that springboard needed to make the even bigger breakthroughs for people and for planet that we so badly need.”

Dates and times will be confirmed in due course. While the EGM will focus on the Scottish Greens, the party confirmed that co-operation agreement partners at the SNP have been informed.

The Bute House Agreement was signed in August 2021 when the Greens agreed to support the Sturgeon government in a power sharing deal and the Co-leaders appointed as Ministers in the government.



Co-Leaders of the Scottish Greens Patrick Harvie and Lorna Slater at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh on the eve of their party conference PHOTO ©2021 The Edinburgh Reporter