



## SSAC Quarterly Update – January 2020

The SSAC provides independent advice, through its Chair, to the Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) for Scotland, to inform policy development and delivery across all areas of the Scottish Government's work. It typically develops advice on a medium to long term basis, advising on developments in science and technology and their implications for policy and identifying potential future opportunities and threats.

Chaired by Professor Maggie Gill from 1 February 2020, the SSAC has 11 other members, in addition to the Scottish Government's Chief Scientific Advisers, all of whom are ex-officio members: Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) for Scotland Professor Sheila Rowan, Chief Scientist (Health) Professor David Crossman and CSA Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Professor Andrew Millar.

The SSAC issues a short report following each quarterly meeting to provide an update on its latest work streams and areas of interest. The SSAC held its last meeting at the New Register House, Edinburgh on 11 December 2019. This included an Induction meeting for newly recruited members.

### 1. SSAC CURRENT WORKSTREAMS

- ✚ Fire Service (Smart Technology in the home) –This report is expected to be published on the SSAC website in March 2020
- ✚ Sustainable Chemicals Note – This note is expected to be published on the SSAC website in February 2020.
- ✚ RAS – Robotics and Autonomous Systems briefing note is in its final stages and is expected to be published by mid-March 2020.
- ✚ The Environmental Impacts of the Scottish Manufacturing Industry – The project is underway with a Working Group set up and a stakeholder workshop scheduled for 16 March. The project is expected to be completed Summer 2020.
- ✚ Geospatial Knowledge – effective use of geospatial data in Scotland. The project is expected to be completed Autumn 2020.

### 2. MEMBERS

- ✚ The recruitment campaign for a new Chair and members of the SSAC has now been completed and the new members attended their Induction meeting and first SSAC meeting in December 2019. New members are:

Chair - Professor Maggie Gill

Members:

Professor Bob Ferrier

Professor Robert Bowman

Professor Aziz Sheikh

Professor Julian Jones

Professor Marian Scott

✚ Details of continuing members of the SSAC are available on the SSAC website:  
<https://www.scottishscience.org.uk/members>

✚ The CSA and new Chair thanked all members whose term on the Council is coming to an end on 31 January 2020. Members stepping down are:

Chair – Professor Paul Boyle

Members:

Professor Andrew Mount

Professor Iain Hunter

Professor Colin McInnes

Mr Alan Settery

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