

Item 3 - Good News

Transport & Energy Awards 2025

The Highland Council-led EV infrastructure project – delivered in partnership with Moray, Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Councils – has been shortlisted in two categories at the upcoming Transport & Energy Awards 2025:

- Best Local Authority EV Charging Scheme (for the 2nd year running)
- Best Collaborative Partnership: Transport & Energy Sectors

Ardersier Port visit

Members of the Climate Change Committee and the Climate Change & Energy Team visited the Ardersier Port, where Haventus presented an overview of the Ardersier Energy Transition Facility. Currently under development, the facility is set to become Scotland's largest site on the North Sea coast for deploying and servicing offshore wind installations. The group also toured the site to learn more about its role in supporting the energy transition.

Find out more about the project: [Ardersier Energy Transition Facility - Haventus](#)

APSE Energy Presentation

Members of the Climate Change & Energy Team presented at the national APSE Energy Summit in Glasgow in October, focusing on Energy Benchmarking. The team showcased the internally developed software tool which was well received by attendees and generated positive feedback.

North of Scotland EV Infrastructure project

On 16 October, the Inter-Authority Agreement and concession contract for the North of Scotland EV Infrastructure were signed. This milestone initiates the Migration phase, transitioning the Council's existing EV charging network from ChargePlace Scotland to the EZO platform, our private-sector partner. Following migration, participating Councils and EZO will install approximately 500 Pathfinder 1 charge points, significantly expanding the region's EV infrastructure.

Mock COP

The Highland Mock COP will take place on 10 November, with 11 secondary schools from across the region participating.

Delivered in partnership with Highland One World and the Open University in Scotland, Mock COP 30 will offer pupils the chance to:

- Represent countries in simulated climate negotiations

- Build skills in Global Citizenship, political literacy and critical thinking
- Explore rights-based climate education and negotiation approaches.

The Climate Change Committee has been given a place to attend. We wish all pupils taking part the very best of luck as they prepare to represent their countries and take part in meaningful climate negotiations. Your voices matter, and we're excited to see the ideas and leadership you'll bring to the table!