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The Institute for Future Cities aims to improve the quality of human life across the world through innovative research that enables cities to be understood in new ways, and develop novel approaches for the ways we live, work, learn and invest in cities. The Institute works in partnership with cities, business and government globally [www.strath.ac.uk/cities/](http://www.strath.ac.uk/cities/)

Richard is EU coordinator for the STEP UP sustainable city programme - a €3.7m FP7 partnership between Glasgow; Gothenburg; Riga and Ghent - involving cities, universities and commercial partners to create integrated low carbon energy strategies

He contributed to Glasgow's successful £24 million TSB Future Cities Demonstrator Bid and is leading creation of the City Observatory

Richard wrote the Sustainable Glasgow strategy - working with city and businesses to develop low-carbon solutions to make Glasgow one of Europe's most sustainable cities

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