

SFT Outcomes Demonstrating progress with impact



2020 CASE STUDY

Outcome 01



We have a clear picture of Scotland's future economic and social infrastructure needs

The Infrastructure Commission for Scotland

Commission recommends future infrastructure decisions should be based on contribution to an inclusive, place-based, net-zero carbon economy

The Infrastructure Commission for Scotland was proposed as part of the Scottish Government's Programme for Government in September 2018 and is supported by a Secretariat reporting directly to Commissioners. Given the importance of the work of the Commission to infrastructure in Scotland, the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) committed to provide a significant level of resource to support the Secretariat team.

The remit for the Commission was set out by Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, and its key requirements established:

- The Commission to provide Scottish Government with an independent assessment of the long-term 30-year strategy for infrastructure to meet the future economic growth and societal needs of Scotland. This will support the Scottish Government's delivery of its National Infrastructure Mission and development of the next Infrastructure Investment Plan for the five years ahead. The Commission will advise on the key strategic and early foundation investments to significantly boost economic growth and support delivery of Scotland's low carbon objectives and achievement of Scotland's climate change targets.
- Following completion of the first report, the Commission will provide advice to ministers on the delivery of infrastructure in Scotland.

In January 2020, the ICS presented Scottish Government with a 30-year infrastructure strategy (**Key Findings Report - A blueprint for Scotland**) with an emphasis on delivering an inclusive, net zero carbon economy.

