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PRIMARY OUTCOME



A CLEAR PICTURE OF SCOTLAND'S FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

SFT CORPORATE PRIORITIES



SECONDARY OUTCOMES



Infrastructure expertise harnessed to deliver ICS Phase 1 Delivery Findings Report

The Infrastructure Commission for Scotland (ICS) was proposed in 2018 as part of the Scottish Government's Programme for Government and in early 2019, the ICS was formally established.

Its aim was to provide Scottish Government with impartial, informed advice on what the nation's vision, ambition and priorities should be to create a 30-year infrastructure strategy to support economic growth and the future needs of society.

Given the importance of the work of the Commission to infrastructure in Scotland, as infrastructure experts, SFT committed to provide a significant level of resource to support the ICS' Secretariat team.

During 2019, the Commissioners and the Secretariat carried out extensive engagement with hundreds of stakeholders across Scotland and in early 2020 the ICS published its <u>Phase 1 Delivery Findings Report</u> (the why and the what of infrastructure investment), making 23 important infrastructure recommendations and set out across eight themes:

- 1. Future infrastructure decisions to be based on delivery of an inclusive net zero carbon economy
- 2. Increased emphasis on "place-based" infrastructure
- 3. Maximise, broaden the use of and better maintain existing assets
- 4. Accelerate the decarbonisation of heat and transport
- 5. Develop appropriately devolved regulatory and pricing frameworks
- 6. Escalate and expand access to digital and technology services
- 7. Improve and extend public engagement to shape decision making
- 8. Explore options for long-term and independent infrastructure advice







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Following consideration of the recommendations about the future infrastructure priorities to create an inclusive, net zero carbon economy in Scotland, in September 2020 Ministers confirmed their acceptance of the majority of them within the draft 2021/26 Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP) and the subsequent approved IIP in February 2021. This included a route-map to implementation for many of the key components required to achieve an evidence-based investment plan.

The IIP also began the process to confirm the key objectives of infrastructure investment. The Phase 1 report proposed the 30-year infrastructure vision as: To support and enable an inclusive net zero carbon economy. The IIP has built upon this, suggesting key measures of success which reflect this vision and the impact of investment on place.

This commitment and detailing of an implementation plan are a significant step forward in ensuring infrastructure clearly aligns with Scottish Government's investment vision, ambition