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A CLEAR PICTURE OF SCOTLAND'S FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS SECONDARY OUTCOMES







ICS Phase 2 Delivery Findings Report reinforces urgency for new approach to prioritise and deliver Scotland's infrastructure





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.

Following the publication of its Phase 1 Delivery Findings Report (the why and the what of infrastructure investment?), the Commissioners and the Secretariat moved onto engaging with stakeholders to write its Phase 2 Delivery Findings Report, which was published in July 2020 (the how of infrastructure delivery). This second complementary report made 11 recommendations to further build upon good practice across the public and private sector delivery landscape.

Key recommendations included:

- Giving an Independent, specialist body the remit to provide strategic, long-term infrastructure advice to Scottish Government
- Enshrining the Place Principle and implementing a one public sector approach to planning and developing sustainable places
- Establishing a Construction Accord to strengthen the future relationship between the public sector and the construction industry

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In February 2021 Scottish Government published its 2021-26 Infrastructure Investment Plan, where it accepted the ICS's recommendations and included an infrastructure hierarchy, highlighting that enhancement and maintenance of infrastructure would be prioritised over new build.

On concluding its work, Chair of the Commission, Ian Russell, stated: "We are clear that the implementation of all of the recommendations made in our Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports - some of which we acknowledge will necessitate a fundamentally different way of prioritising, planning and delivering infrastructure investment - will make a significant contribution to the successful creation of an inclusive net zero carbon economy.

"The recommendations from the Commission's work over the past 18 months are designed to galvanise and accelerate action by all involved with infrastructure in Scotland."