






SFT CORPORATE PRIORITIES





NET ZERO






SUSTAINABLE PLACE





INCLUSIVE GROWTH



# SFT Outcomes

## Demonstrating progress with impact

PRIMARY OUTCOME

08



**EFFECTIVE PUBLIC ASSETS DRIVING TRANSFORMATION OR ARE RE-DEPLOYED**

SECONDARY OUTCOMES

10

## A collaborative ‘place-based’ approach to asset planning



For nearly ten years, SFT’s Asset Strategy team has been working with the public sector to help them look differently at how they use and occupy buildings to deliver the services that are required.

This new thinking is leading to securing wider economic and social benefits as resources are used more efficiently, money is saved and the buildings operated by the public sector help facilitate improved public service delivery.

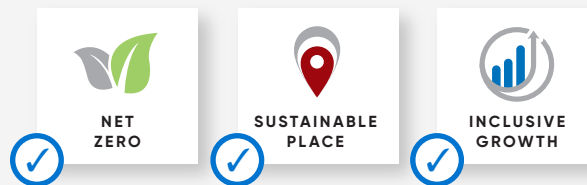
Reflecting on an upcoming lease expiry on Highlands and Islands Enterprise’s (HIE) office in Portree on Skye, the public body has been leading on a wider engagement exercise around future public sector and local community needs in Portree.

SFT has been supporting HIE with the early-stage planning of the project, which comprises of:

- Leading the facilitation of stakeholder workshops – exploring emerging needs across the public sector and local community and their potential fit



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- Supporting the preparation of a strategic business case for the project. This will establish the case for change, future needs and the preferred direction of travel, together with a framework for successful delivery.

The workshops have identified a vision to create a Hub building in Portree that draws together three complimentary strands:

- A portal for ease of business – The Hub will support economic development of Syke and neighbouring islands. It will be a portal that connects communities and businesses with wider markets and learning. The ambition is to facilitate the ease to do business in a changing world
- Supporting inclusive growth – The Hub will integrate as part of Portree by being digitally networked across Skye and Raasay, and the wider Highlands region. Working collaboratively with partners, the ambition is to leverage additional investment contributing positively to the community-led regeneration of the town centre
- Collaborative transition to net zero – The Hub will host cross-sector collaboration to support economic, social and wellbeing outcomes by being anchored by flexible facilities, connected to the home and agile workspaces with excellence in low carbon design.

Adopting a place-based approach, a range of service and spatial interdependencies across numerous stakeholders have been identified. This has informed the emerging types of spaces to be provided by the Hub and their linkages to other service and community provision in Portree.

The strategic business case is due to be completed in towards the end of 2021.