



Public asset condition and performance is improved



Ensuring public bodies' asset strategies align with Scottish Government's investment hierarchy

IN 2021, Scottish Government published its latest Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP).

Central to the IIP was a new 'investment hierarchy' to aid future infrastructure planning and decision making across the public sector, that would place greater emphasis on making the most of existing assets and the importance of adopting a collaborative place-based approach.

When the IIP was published, it set out that we, together with Scottish Government would prepare guidance for public bodies to follow when developing their own asset strategies, which we published in 2022, **A guide to Property Asset Strategy in the Scottish Public Sector**.

As the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) began to develop its 'Strategic Asset Management Plan' (SAMP), they approached our Asset Strategy and Workplace team to ask for help to align the strategic planning of their property assets with the Scottish Government's investment hierarchy.

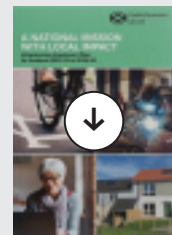
The SFRS team were seeking to ensure its SAMP was appropriately aligned with the key themes within the IIP and that the investment hierarchy was embedded within its property asset management decision making

process. The Asset Strategy and Workplace team acted as a critical friend reviewing and providing advice and feedback to the SFRS in the development of the SAMP and ensured it was aligned with the IIP and best practice in strategic asset management.

This approach will allow the SFRS to determine its future infrastructure needs and demands in the context of net zero targets and inclusive growth priorities. With those needs met through a whole life approach that maximises the use of existing assets, repurposing and reconfiguring them whenever feasible, with a preference for co-location and shared facilities with partners.

In November 2023, the SFRS Board endorsed the **Strategic Asset Management Plan**.

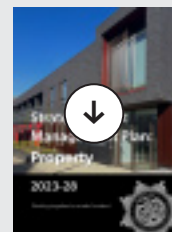
Izaj Bashir, Head of Asset Management, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, said: "At the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service we have used the Asset Strategy Guidance created by Scottish Futures Trust extensively, and have further incorporated this approach within our strategic asset management plan for Property and also used this to help prepare a business case for rural fire station replacement in the North of Scotland."



Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP)



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Strategic Asset Management Plan