

Resilient rural communities in an uncertain future: the growing importance of partnerships

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The recognised role for resilient and empowered rural communities



- Evidence *across the globe* shows how community-led local development:
 - is **desired** by many people at community level
 - increases **self-confidence** and **shifts power**
 - improves **infrastructure** and **demographic trends**
 - creates **solutions that fit** – LEADER being one key example



The policy push: 3 UK Administrations



Northern Ireland: rural *needs*



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- Legal commitment to **rural communities** to:
 - adapt policies to fit **variations** across rural communities
 - engage with communities to assess **impact** of policies
 - discuss **options** with communities to reduce negative impacts
 - develop potential **new delivery methods** with communities

Wales: *future* communities as focus





























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Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Essentials

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 <p>Future Generations Commissioner for Wales</p>	 <p>Future Generations Report</p>	 <p>Future Trends Report</p>	 <p>Integration</p>	 <p>Involvement</p>	 <p>Long Term</p>
 <p>Make Recommendations</p>	 <p>National indicators & Milestones</p>	 <p>Prevention</p>	 <p>Public Services Boards</p>	 <p>Research</p>	 <p>Responding to the Future Generation Commissioner</p>
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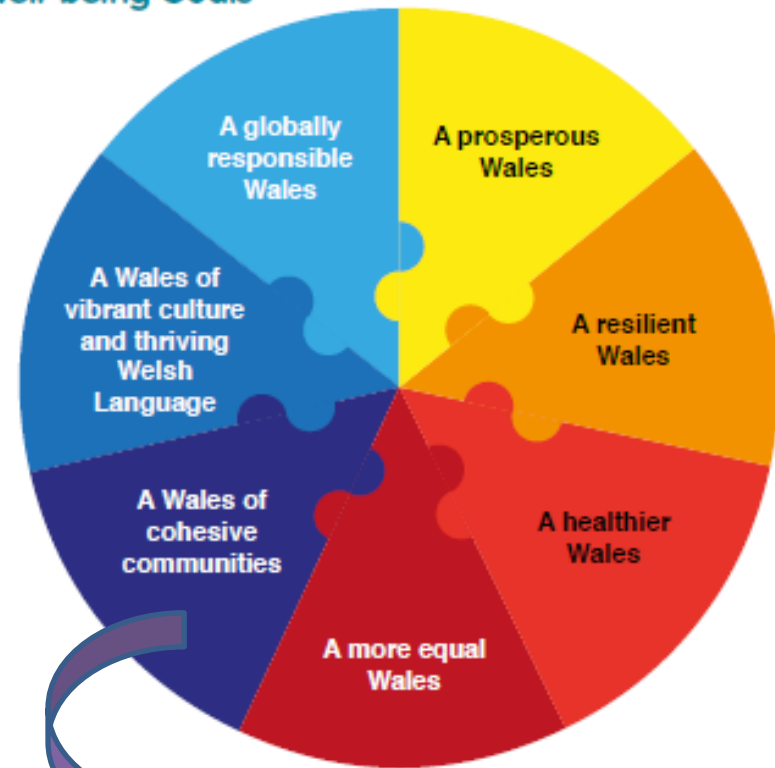
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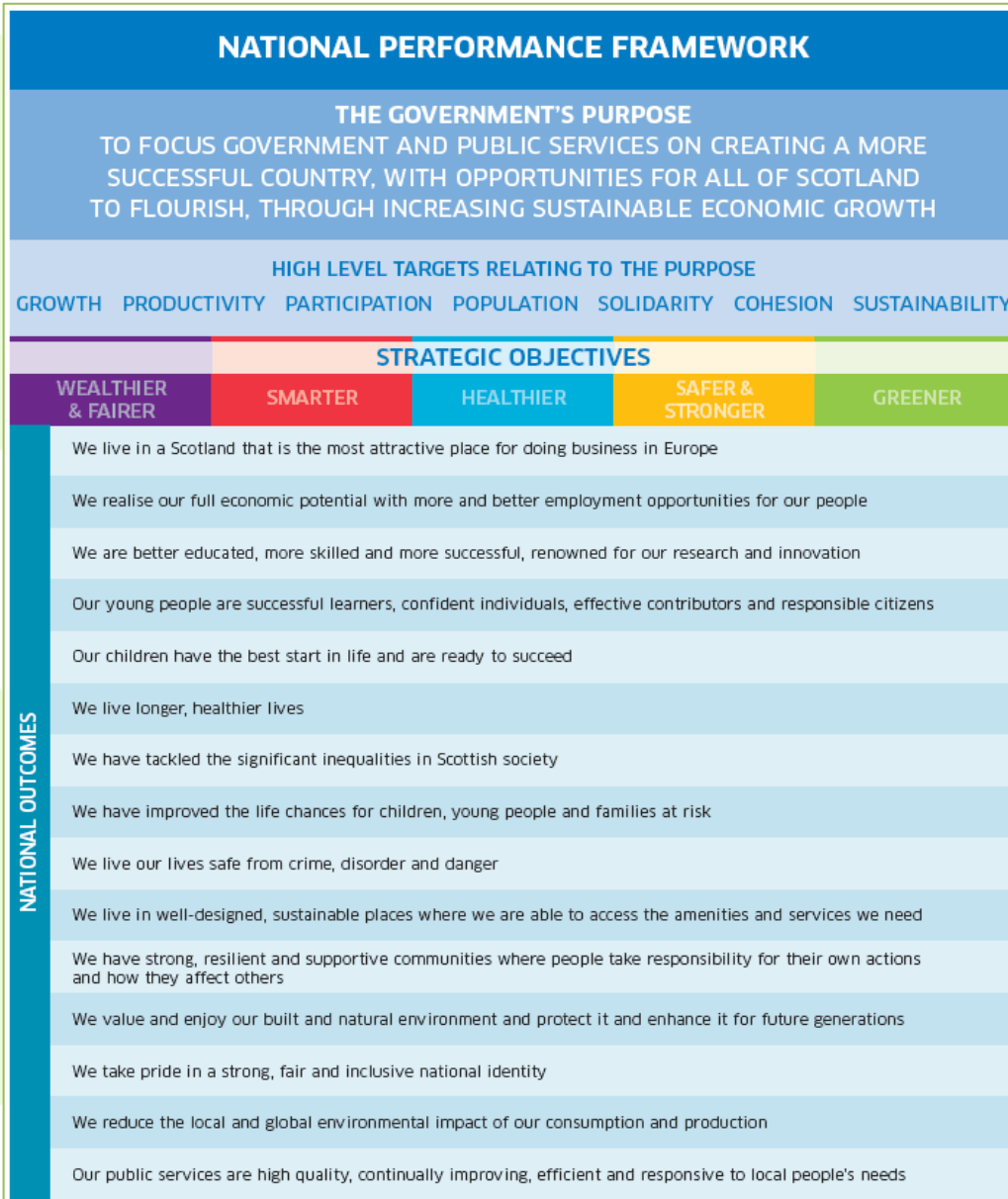
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Well-being Goals



“Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities”

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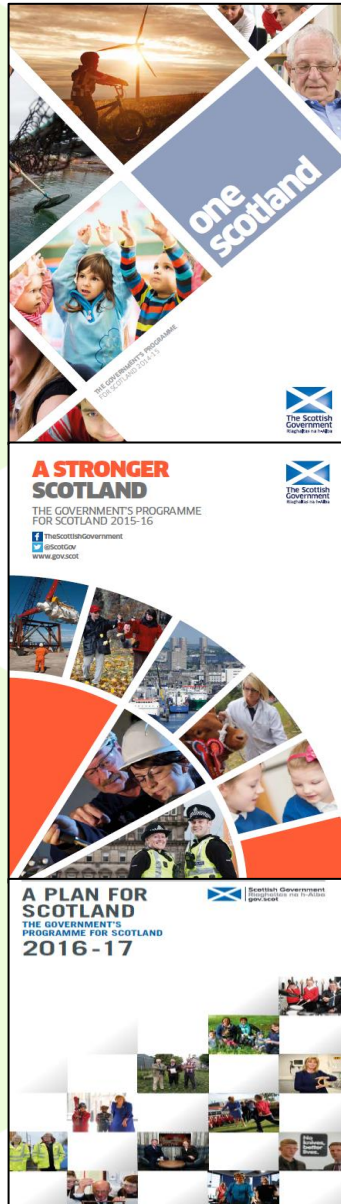


NATIONAL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK				
THE GOVERNMENT'S PURPOSE TO FOCUS GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES ON CREATING A MORE SUCCESSFUL COUNTRY, WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OF SCOTLAND TO FLOURISH, THROUGH INCREASING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH				
HIGH LEVEL TARGETS RELATING TO THE PURPOSE GROWTH PRODUCTIVITY PARTICIPATION POPULATION SOLIDARITY COHESION SUSTAINABILITY				
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES				
WEALTHIER & FAIRER	SMARTER	HEALTHIER	SAFER & STRONGER	GREENER
NATIONAL OUTCOMES	We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe			
	We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people			
	We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation			
	Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens			
	Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed			
	We live longer, healthier lives			
	We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society			
	We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk			
	We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger			
	We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need			
	We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others			
	We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations			
	We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity			
	We reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production			
	Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs			

Outcome 11:

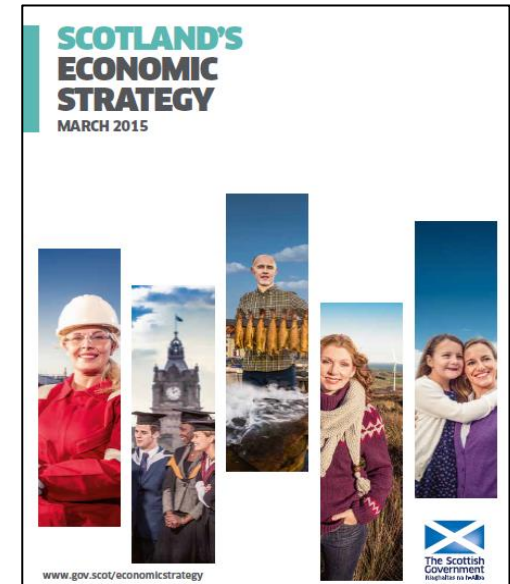
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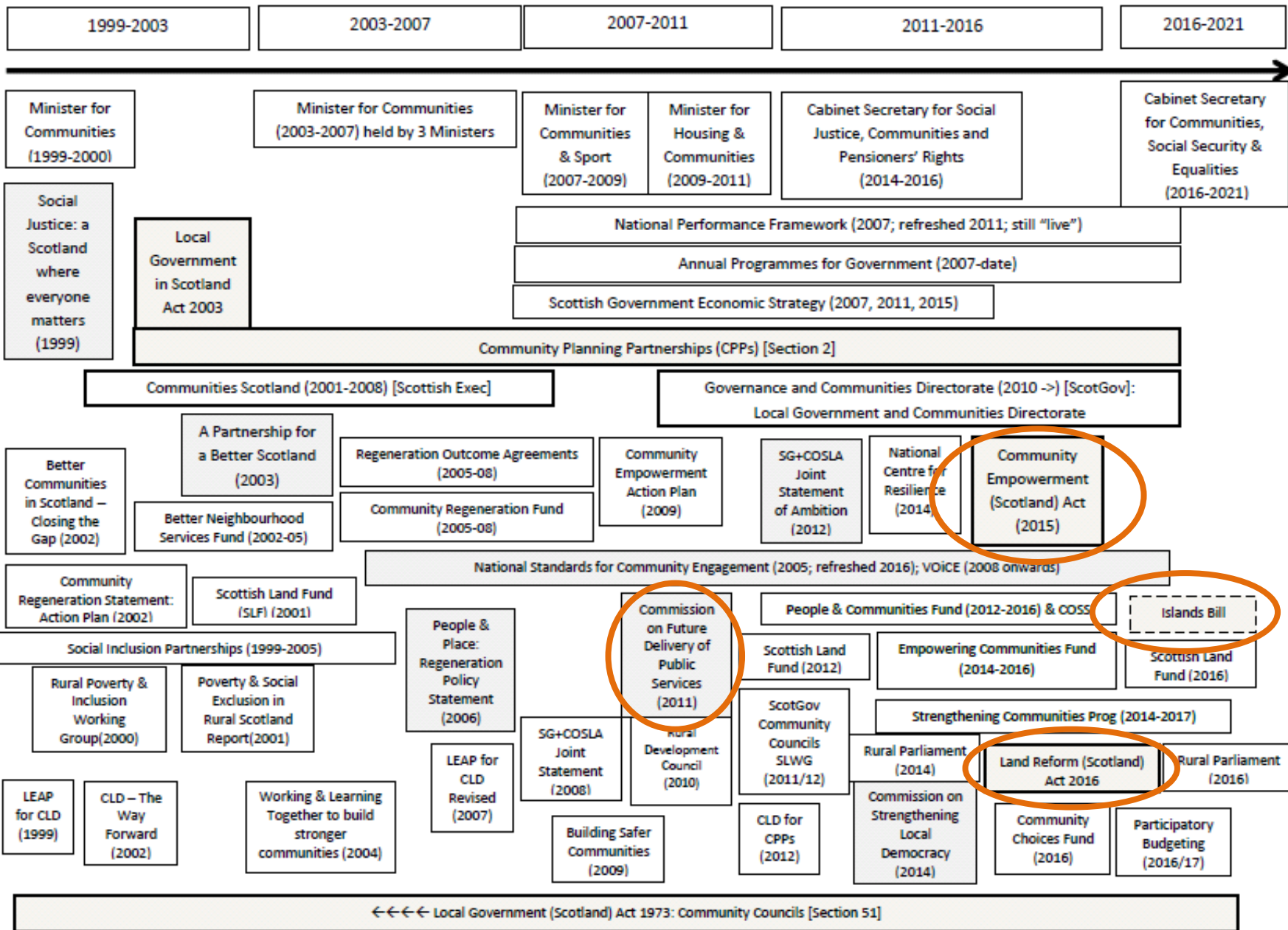
Scottish Government Strategies:



“Communities” are/have:

- Huge reservoir of talent
- Doing it for themselves
- The right to influence decisions
- Lead change
- Strong, resilient & supportive
- Live together in peace
- Cohesive; social justice
- Deliver growth
- “Make communities enjoyable and sustainable places to live”





SOURCE: Rural Scotland in Focus Report 2016 (29/11/16)

Reliance on resilient communities..



On resilient and empowered people...



Changing
policy
landscape



What is **uncertain** and what we
still **know...**

What is **uncertain**?



1. **How** Brexit will play out:
 - a. Hard, soft, deals
 - b. Wide range of policy options and instruments
 - c. Degree of path dependency
2. **When** Brexit will play out:
 - a. 2020? 2022?
3. **Whether** and **how** the UK and Scottish Governments will continue to support rural communities:
 - a. Agriculture
 - b. Beyond agriculture
4. What this means for **matched resources** at local Government levels?
 - a. Particularly with on-going public sector budget pressures...

What will **still be** the case? [1/2]



1. **Community-led** local development is here to stay:
 - a. Central Government
 - b. Local government
 - c. Examples: health & social care, broadband, transport.
2. A **new “moral geography”** is emerging:
 - a. Through empowerment “frameworks”
 - b. Pressure on communities to be resilient and meet their needs
 - c. Conflicts with on-the-ground realities



What will **still be** the case? [2/2]



3. Community capacity **varies**:

- a. Not every individual or community starts in the same place
- b. Geographically, socially, economically, health and wellbeing
- c. Self-belief, willingness and desire.

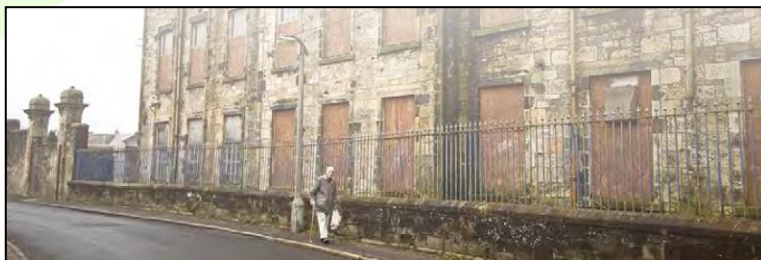
4. **Inequalities** between communities are **growing**:

- a. The **new** haves and have-nots
- b. New market failure/Darwinian development (2010)
- c. Including in LEADER

Empowerment inequalities:



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FUEL POVERTY SCANDAL IN ENERGY RICH SCOTLAND

BY NEWS EDITOR - JUNE 4, 2014
POSTED IN STORNOWAY NEWS, WESTERN ISLES



Western Isles MP, Angus MacNeil has commented on the comprehensive new analysis by Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) which shows that the highest levels of fuel poverty is in the Western Isles, with 76% of people over the age of 60 in fuel poverty.

A household is in fuel poverty if it needs to spend 10% or more of income on air fuel use in order to heat the dwelling to an acceptable standard.

The town and country divide: the fuel poverty suffered by old people in rural areas
from Sunday Herald, 01 June 2014



Up to three-quarters of elderly people living in rural areas of Scotland are suffering fuel poverty and are "falling through the cracks" in government policy, according to an

expert report to be launched tomorrow.

Fuel poverty hits elderly and poor hardest

Methods inadequate to gauge rural problems

More than half of Highlands and islands pensioners living in fuel poverty



What does this mean for us?

We will need to:



- 1. Take responsibility** for this diverse landscape of:
 - a. empowered, articulate, successful and “resilient” people
 - b. silent and disempowered
 - c. high AND low-capacity individuals and communities
- 2. Plan for that now, *ahead* of 2020 or 2022:**
 - a. “Read” the **new** landscape and start the journey
- 3. Expect to work in partnership** as a necessity, a norm:
 - a. creating ways to **make** that happen
 - b. being **more clever** with less resources
 - c. creating new **innovative** arrangements

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Update on Ewe Hill wind farm community benefits

SOCIAL BOOKMARKS



UPDATE ON Ewe Hill wind farm community benefits.

Scottish Power Renewables will provide two community benefit funds associated with two parts of its wind farm which is located between Langholm and Lockerbie.

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This changing landscape will demand...



1. Partnerships that are **more** innovative and potentially uncomfortable...
2. **Deep collaboration** between private, public and third sectors...
3. **New ways** of exchanging knowledge, experience and learning that demand greater trust and sharing...
4. Us addressing community needs **in ways not tried before**...
5. **Navigation** through uncertainties and certainties...

One example of our evolving
landscape...

Enterprise and Skills: implementation



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ENTERPRISE AND SKILLS REVIEW: REPORT ON PHASE 2

JUNE 2017



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Enterprise and Business Support

Innovation

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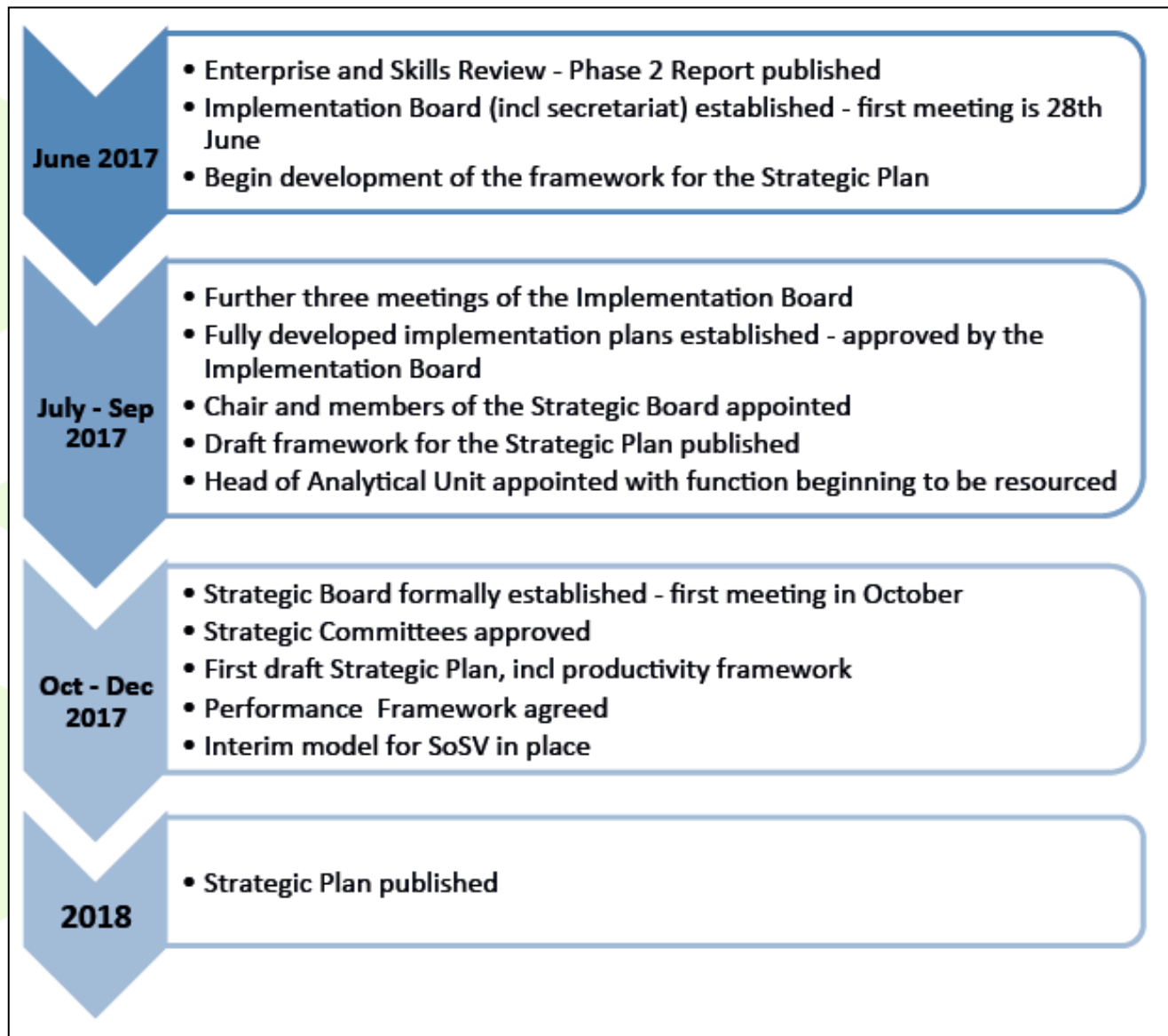
Skills Alignment

Learner Journey

South of Scotland Enterprise Agency

Regional Partnerships

Timeframe...



Exemplary innovative partnership
to support individuals and
communities...

Breaking new ground through connections...

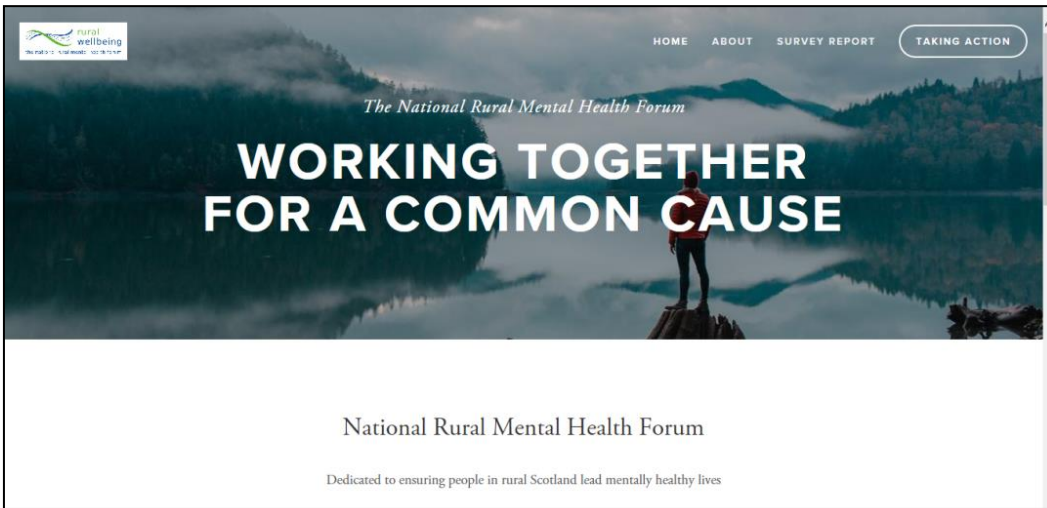


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Helping rural communities and businesses thrive is a priority for this Government and by enabling good mental health, we can all reach our full potential wherever we live.

I welcome the new National Rural Mental Health Forum, rural groups working together for a common cause is a strong move forward in the right direction. I'm pleased to be supporting this positive initiative to help co-ordinate a national focus on mental wellbeing

— Fergus Ewing, MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity, Scottish Government



What must we do to increase the resilience of rural communities?

Challenge ourselves to:



1. Have **inclusion** as our core goal:
 - a. Create mechanisms for being inclusive by: joining forces, deliberate planning and targeted resourcing
 - b. Reduce threat of “Darwinian development” – inclusion by chance – new market failure
2. Work **together**:
 - a. Collectively address issues and create solutions to “intractable problems”.
 - b. Generate a cumulative effect by skills- and knowledge-sharing
3. See the **whole picture**:
 - a. Recognise that some issues remain – not everything changes – let’s not buy into “total uncertainty” story
 - b. *Increase our sphere of control*

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