

10 BIG IDEAS FOR NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK 4

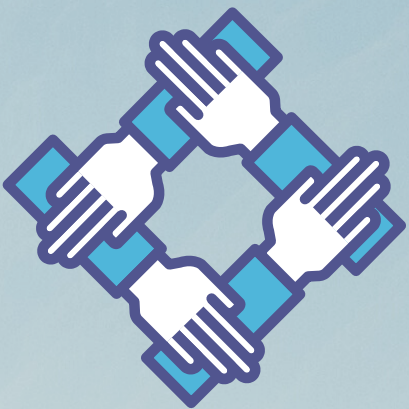
1. NPF4 embeds the new purpose of planning.

Ensure that the National Planning Framework embeds the purpose of planning, to “manage the development and use of land in the long term public interest” and, as part of this, recast the measures of planning performance to be more focussed on outcomes.



3. NPF4 is a “First Minister’s document”

Ensure that NPF4 is a key corporate document that influences Scottish Government decision making and has buy in from all Cabinet Secretaries in supporting their Post Covid-19 recovery ambitions and as a vision piece on planning for the ‘new normal’.



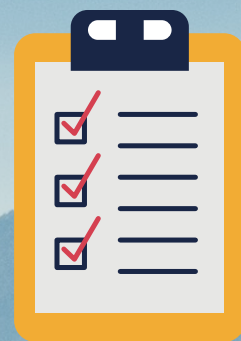
5. NPF4 prioritises climate action and tackling health inequalities

Structure the NPF around outcomes which are tied into planning authority performance assessment frameworks and priority strategic themes on achieving climate action, delivering a net zero carbon Scotland and improved health and wellbeing.



2. NPF4 is supported by a capital investment programme.

Ensure that NPF4 is accompanied by a 10 year capital investment programme with buy in from across government.



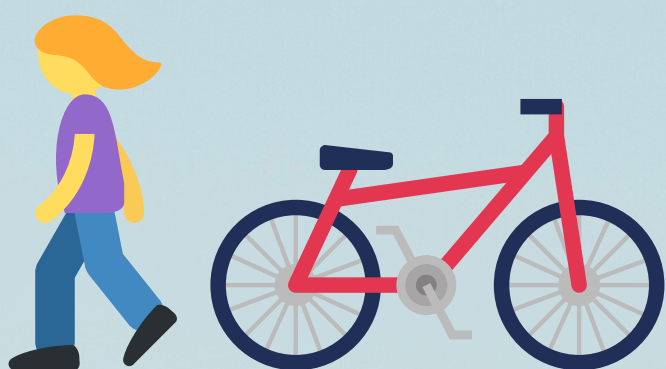
4. NPF4 contains milestones that are tracked transparently

Ensure that NPF4 includes short-, medium-, and long-term milestones and establish a delivery oversight group (which should include representatives from younger generations) to report annually on progress being made and implications of changing contexts.



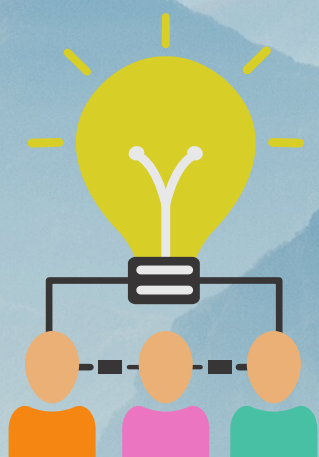
6. NPF4 promotes active and sustainable travel

Include large scale improvements to active and sustainable transport networks across Scotland as a national development.



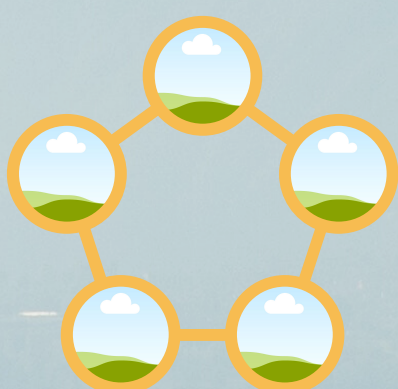
8. NPF4 promotes decision making based around the well-being of future generations

Ensure that NPF4 adopts and embeds the principle of planning decisions that provide long-term positive impacts to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change and which meet the needs of future generations.



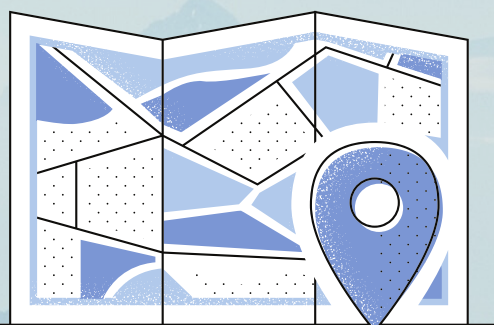
10. NPF4 embeds and champions the Place Principle and Place Standard Themes

Embed "Place and Wellbeing" themes from Place Standard and ensure collaborative implementation of the NPF through the place principle.



7. NPF4 embeds the Reuse First Principle

Ensure that the reuse first principle - where previously used land, buildings, places, materials and infrastructure are given preference to new - is applied across all of planning for places.



9. NPF4 becomes The National Plan for Scotland

Position the NPF as the spatial articulation of the Scottish Government's National Outcomes - much as development plans are the spatial articulation of Local Outcome Improvement Plans - which clearly sets out relationships between the planning at national, regional, local and community levels.

RTPI's full response to the call for ideas can be viewed [here](#).

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