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What

The Commission will provide independent, informed advice on the vision, ambition and priorities for a long-term, 30-year strategy for infrastructure in Scotland to meet our future economic growth and societal needs. This will support the Scottish Government's delivery of its National Infrastructure Mission and development of the next Infrastructure Investment Plan for the 5 years ahead. The Commission will advise on the key strategic and early foundation investments to significantly boost economic growth and support delivery of Scotland's low carbon objectives and achievement of our climate change targets.

Following the completion of this report the Commission will be asked to provide advice to Scottish Ministers on the delivery of infrastructure in Scotland, including the possible creation of a Scottish National Infrastructure Company.

When

The Advisory Commission will report on infrastructure ambitions and priorities by the end of 2019 and may make interim recommendations e.g. around guiding principles supporting the evolution of a coherent Infrastructure Investment Plan across sectors.

It is anticipated that a following 6-month period will be required to consider recommendations on delivery models.

How

The Commission should work in a way which is:

- > Engaging and widely consultative across all of Scotland and civic society
- > Credible, objective and evidence-based
- > Outward looking, forward thinking and innovative

The Commission should pay attention to strategic drivers such as: securing Scotland's international competitiveness; the markets and connections Scotland requires for goods, services and people; how to prioritise investment to deliver inclusive economic growth and low carbon objectives; demographic and other social change factors; place-making; technological change and innovation; and considerations around development, ownership and financing of infrastructure, including Fair Work.

The Commission can determine how to progress its work and may use future-focused scenario planning tools or existing or new research and evidence. It will deploy the Scottish Government definition of infrastructure as below.

Commissioners will be responsible for:

- > Bringing specific skills and experience
- > Providing expert, impartial advice
- > Engaging widely with stakeholders including industry, expert and interest groups, government, local government and public bodies, civic society and the public

Overarching objectives

- > delivering sustainable inclusive economic growth across Scotland
- > managing the transition to a more resource efficient, lower carbon economy
- > supporting delivery of efficient, high quality, modern public services
- > increasing industry competitiveness, whilst tackling inequality
- > enhancing societal living conditions now and in the future
- > ensuring alignment with the new National Planning Framework

Scottish Government Definition of Infrastructure

“The physical and technical facilities, and fundamental systems necessary for the economy to function and to enable, sustain or enhance societal living conditions.

These include the networks, connections and storage relating to enabling infrastructure of transport, energy, water, telecoms, digital and internet, to permit the ready movement of people, goods and services. They include the built environment of housing; public infrastructure such as education, health, justice and cultural facilities; safety enhancement such as waste management or flood prevention; and public services such as emergency services and resilience.”