



New Green Deal – can nature-based solutions aid city recovery?

- Can NbS solutions and enterprises deliver for a green recovery?
- How can we finance investment in nature-based solutions?

<https://connectingnature.eu/>



Setting the scene – Scottish policy context

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<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2019/13/contents>

A NATIONAL MISSION WITH LOCAL IMPACT

Infrastructure Investment Plan
for Scotland 2021-22 to 2025-26

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-mission-local-impact-infrastructure-investment-plan-scotland-2021-22-2025-26/>

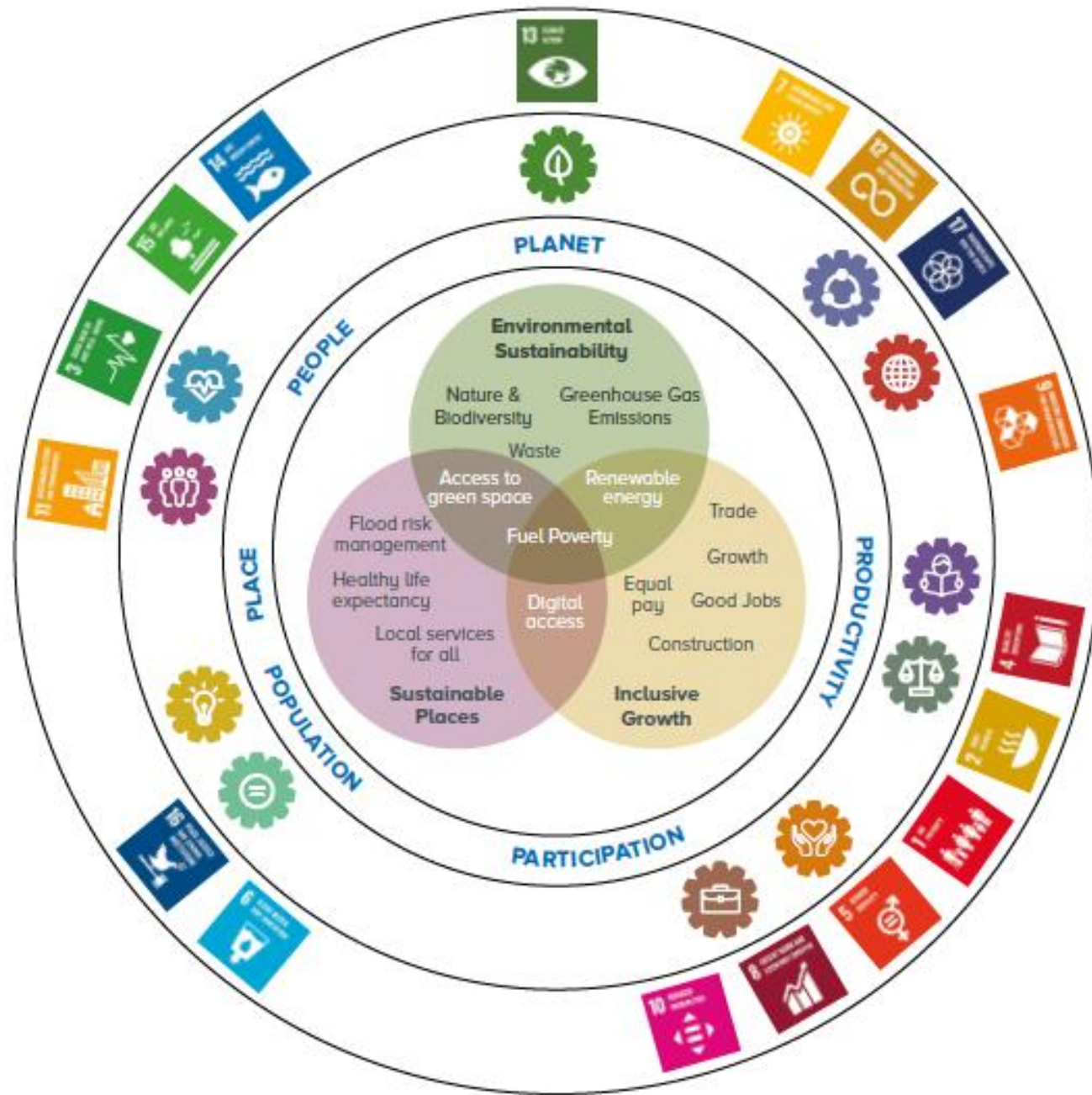
Infrastructure is:

“The physical and technical facilities, natural and other 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 the 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; natural assets and networks that supply ecosystem services and public services such as emergency services and resilience.”





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Environmental Sustainability

Nature & Biodiversity Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Waste

Access to green space Renewable energy

Fuel Poverty

Flood risk management

Healthy life expectancy

Local services for all

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Equal pay

Good Jobs

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Scotland's Fourth National Planning Framework Position Statement

November 2020

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-fourth-national-planning-framework-position-statement/>

Our places will look and feel different in the future. A significant shift is required to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045.

NPF4 will embed the UN Sustainable Development Goals¹ and Scotland's national outcomes². The Place Principle³ will be a key driver for ensuring that planning focuses on our places, and is supported by a much wider range of interests to ensure that proposals and policies are delivered on the ground.



Our future places will be planned in a way that reduces the need to travel and builds in natural solutions.



We will apply concepts such as 20 minute neighbourhoods across our cities, towns, and rural areas so that the places where we live and work are more resilient and sustainable.



We will introduce, for the first time, an infrastructure-first approach to neighbourhood planning, including natural networks and sustainable travel, to ensure that we have fair access to the services we need to help make our communities a great place to live.



We will create healthier, fairer and more prosperous places and ensure future development contributes to a green, sustainable, and inclusive economic recovery.

Promote nature-based solutions

The climate and nature crises are intrinsically linked. It is estimated that around a third of the global mitigation effort needed to deliver the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement could be achieved through nature-based solutions.

Scotland's natural environment plays a vital role in removing carbon from the atmosphere and securing it in natural habitats on land and in our seas. Promoting nature-based solutions to climate change, including tree planting and peatland protection and restoration, and tackling emissions related to soil disturbance and agricultural land use, will be essential to reduce emissions from our land and increase carbon sequestration. They can also help to sustain and grow rural communities and improve the quality of our built environment. Our spatial strategy will explore how we can promote nature-based solutions to climate change, which also protect and restore biodiversity and deliver wider benefits.



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