

South of Scotland Natural Capital Innovation

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The Need for Action through Partnership & Collaboration



Climate change

- Adaptation and mitigation – rising temperatures and rainfall patterns

Biodiversity loss

- Loss of habitat
- Changes in land management
- Climate change

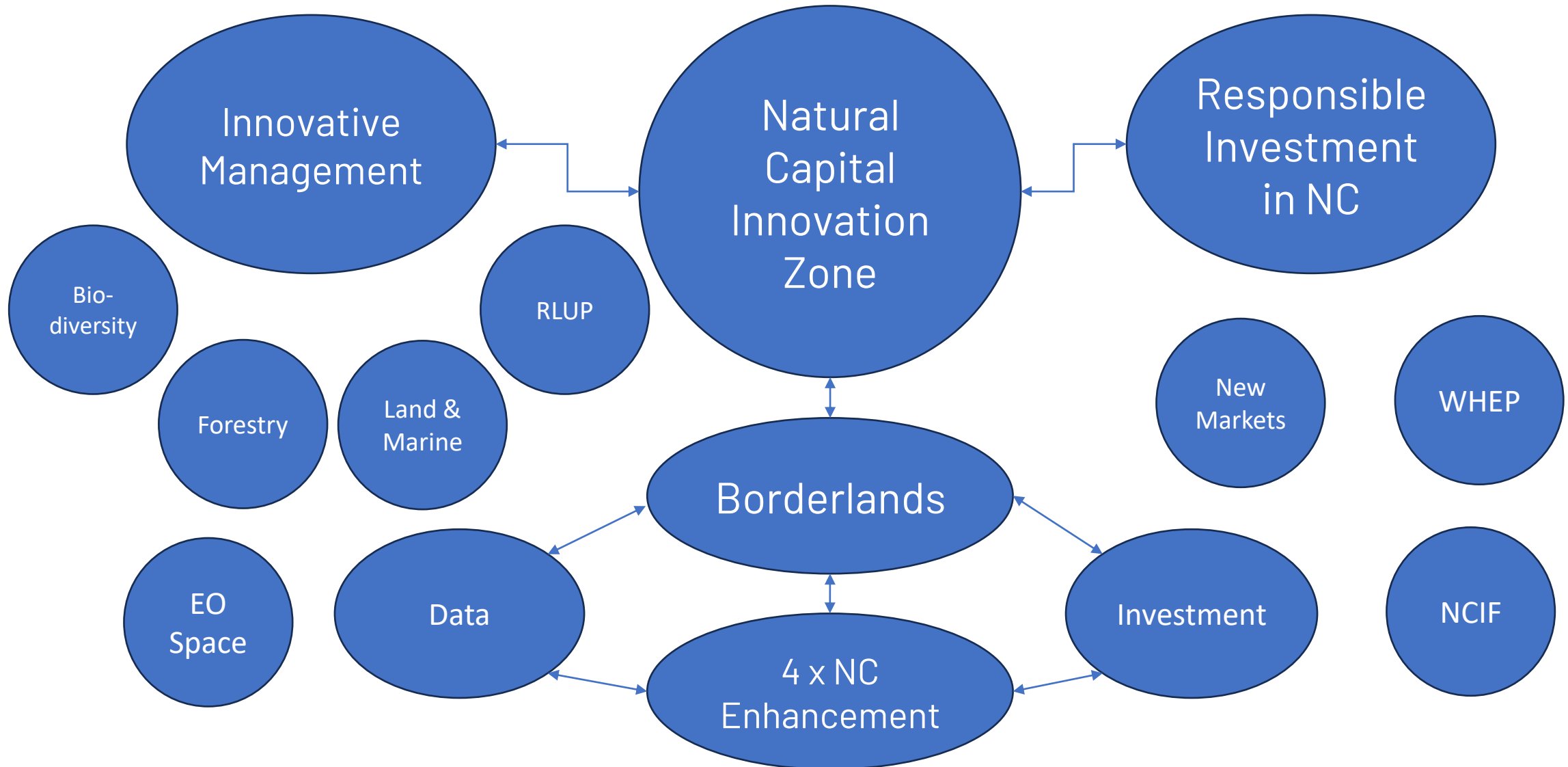
Regional Economic Strategy

- Housing
- Skills
- Transport

Natural Capital Innovation Zone

- **Outcome of the Borderlands Natural Capital Programme**
- **Recognised by Scottish Government due to:**
 - **Unique breadth of natural capital assets**
 - **Robust and successful partnerships**
 - **Entrepreneurial and innovative mindset**
- **SOS ambition – nature positive future**
- **2030 Target – halt biodiversity loss**

Natural Capital Delivery



Regional Land Use Partnership

Phase 1:

- Stakeholder engagement plan, 1:1 interviews, evaluation of partnerships in region.
- Governance established through alignment with REP

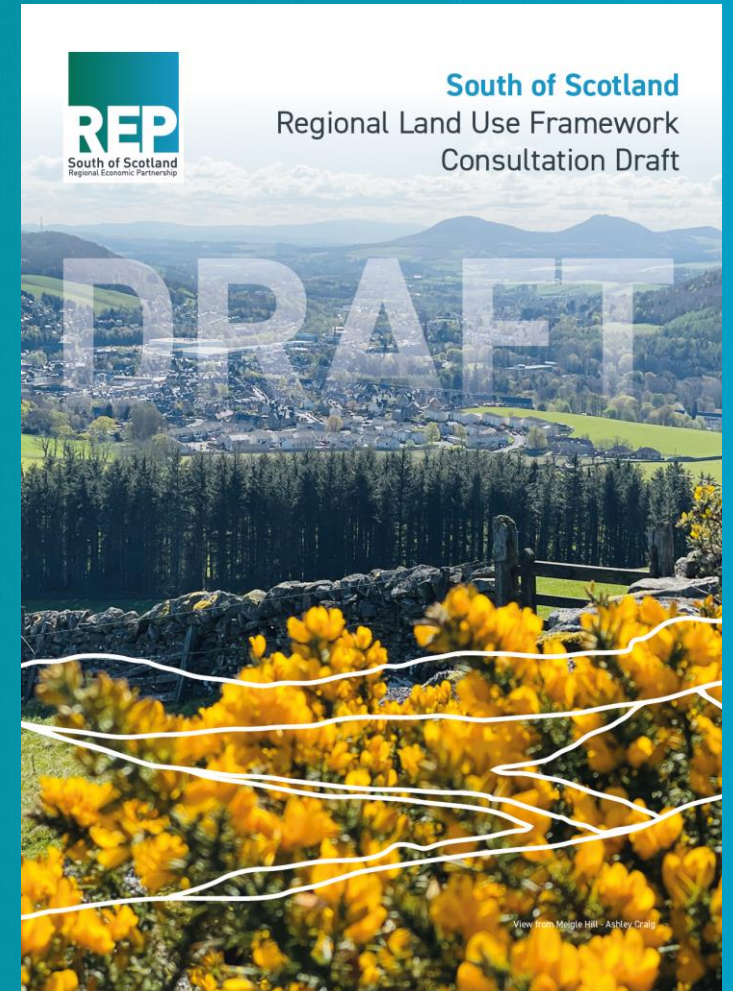
Phase 2:

- 30 place-based events held to explore- challenges, opportunities, land use change priorities and trade-offs.
- RLUF developed and approved by pilot Governance
- 12 week public consultation on RLUF
- 5 events to promote consultation plus NFUS and SLE members events

600+ stakeholders engaged

South of Scotland Regional Land Use Framework

- Produced a Regional Land Use Framework, using a natural capital approach, to explore current and potential land use changes
- To inform and guide decision making to support more sustainable land use whilst sustaining viable land-based businesses
- Key delivery mechanism and cross cutting enabler of SOS ambitions



Alignment with other Policies

- National Strategy for Economic Transformation
 - New Markets Framework – Private Investment in Natural Capital
 - Regional Economic Strategy – Theme 5 *Green & Sustainable Economy*
- National Planning Framework – Inform LDP, Regional Spatial Strategies and Place plans
- Agricultural Bill – Inform regional priorities of the new agriculture scheme
- Just Transition Plan for Land Use and Agriculture – RLUF as a component delivery plan
- Scottish Biodiversity Strategy – Inform delivery plan and mechanism for statutory targets
- Land Reform – Inform land management plans

Relationship between RLUF , Economic Strategy and statutory Planning

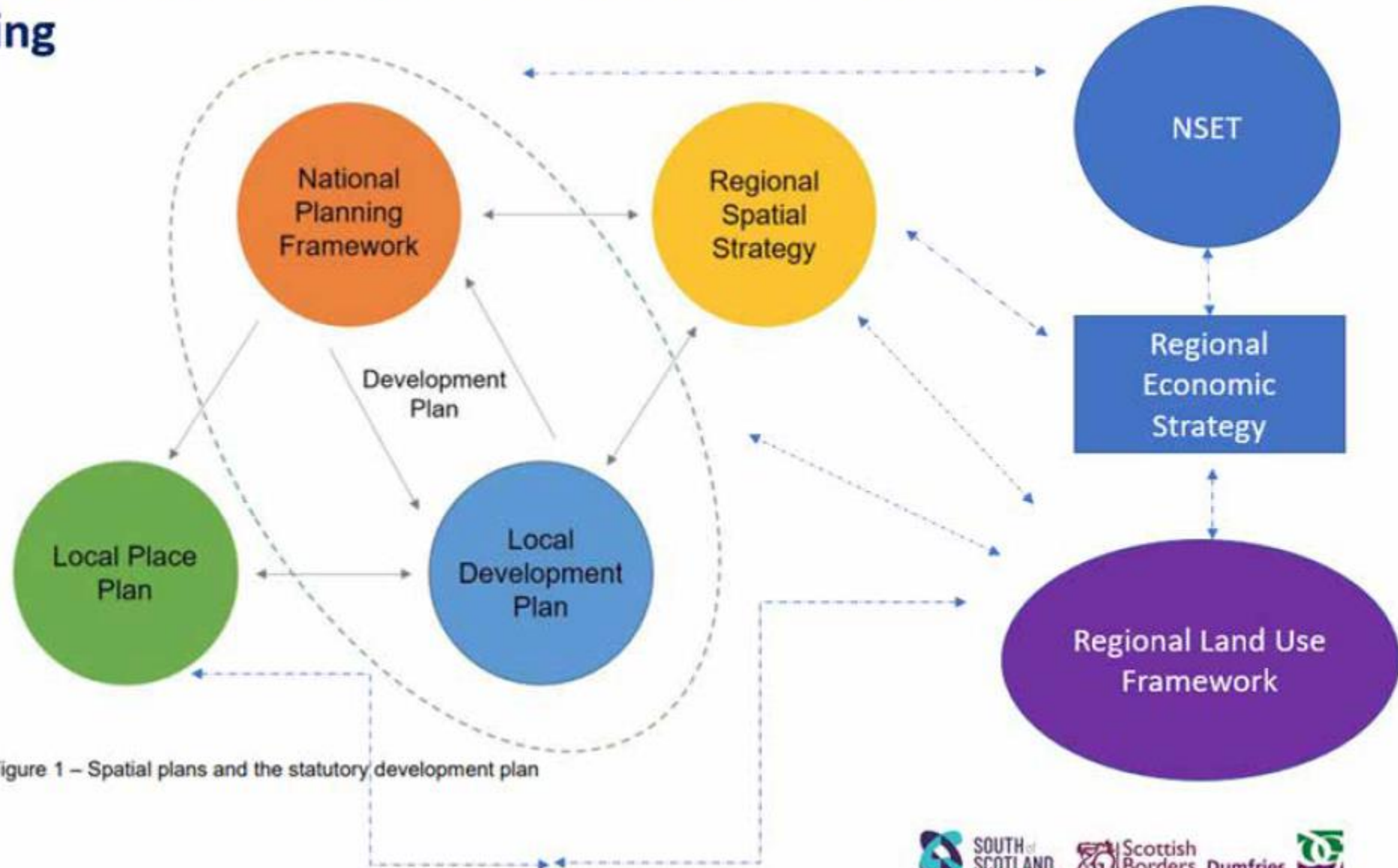


Figure 1 – Spatial plans and the statutory development plan

Next Steps for the RLUP

- Ministerial statement on the Accelerated programme for climate change – pilot moves to implementation as a Scottish Government initiative
- Entered the transition stage – governance and delivery
- Delivery platform for Scotland's Natural Capital Innovation Zone – pipeline of natural capital investment opportunities for nature-based solutions and strengthening business and community resilience



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