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# Scotland's Just Transition Agenda

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# WHAT IS A JUST TRANSITION?



A just transition is both the **outcome** – a fairer, greener future for all – and the **process** that must be undertaken in partnership with those impacted by the transition to net zero. It is **how** we get to **a net zero and climate resilient economy** in a way that **delivers fairness** and tackles inequality and injustice



The **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019**, embeds the principles of a Just Transition, which means reducing emissions in a way which tackles inequality and promotes fair work, at the heart of Scotland's approach to reaching net zero.

# EXISTING EXAMPLES

- Our concessionary travel schemes mean that **over 2 million people across Scotland can travel for free** by bus, making travel cheaper and more sustainable. This includes:
  - Young people (Under 22)
  - Those with a disability
  - Older People (Over 60).

Public Transport



- Existing programmes have assisted over **150,000 households in or at risk of fuel poverty** live in homes which are warmer and cheaper to heat. We will also consult on a **Heat in Buildings Bill** to phase out fossil fuel boilers and move to clean heating systems

Heat decarbonisation

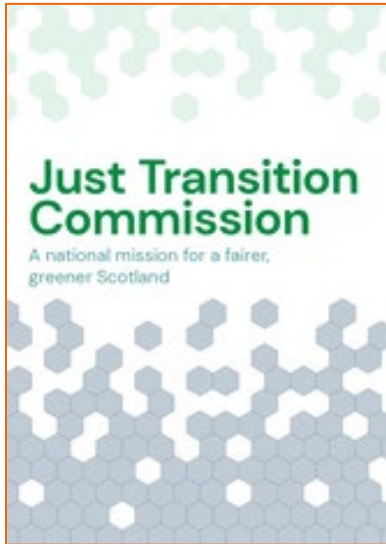


- Ambition to **grow renewables in Scotland by an additional 20GW** of renewables generating greener and cheaper electricity

Renewable energy



# Just Transition Planning Framework



## Just Transition Planning Framework

Context

Vision

Action Plans

Monitoring & Reporting

## STRUCTURE OF A JUST TRANSITION PLAN

**Where are we now?**  
This should provide the evidence base for the Plan, including drawing from lived experience wherever possible.

**Where do we want to go? What do we aim to achieve? What drives change?**  
This is a series of outcomes for 2045, informed by the National Just Transition Outcomes, and must be bespoke to the Plan being developed – for construction, this will likely also include aspects of a vision for the sector.

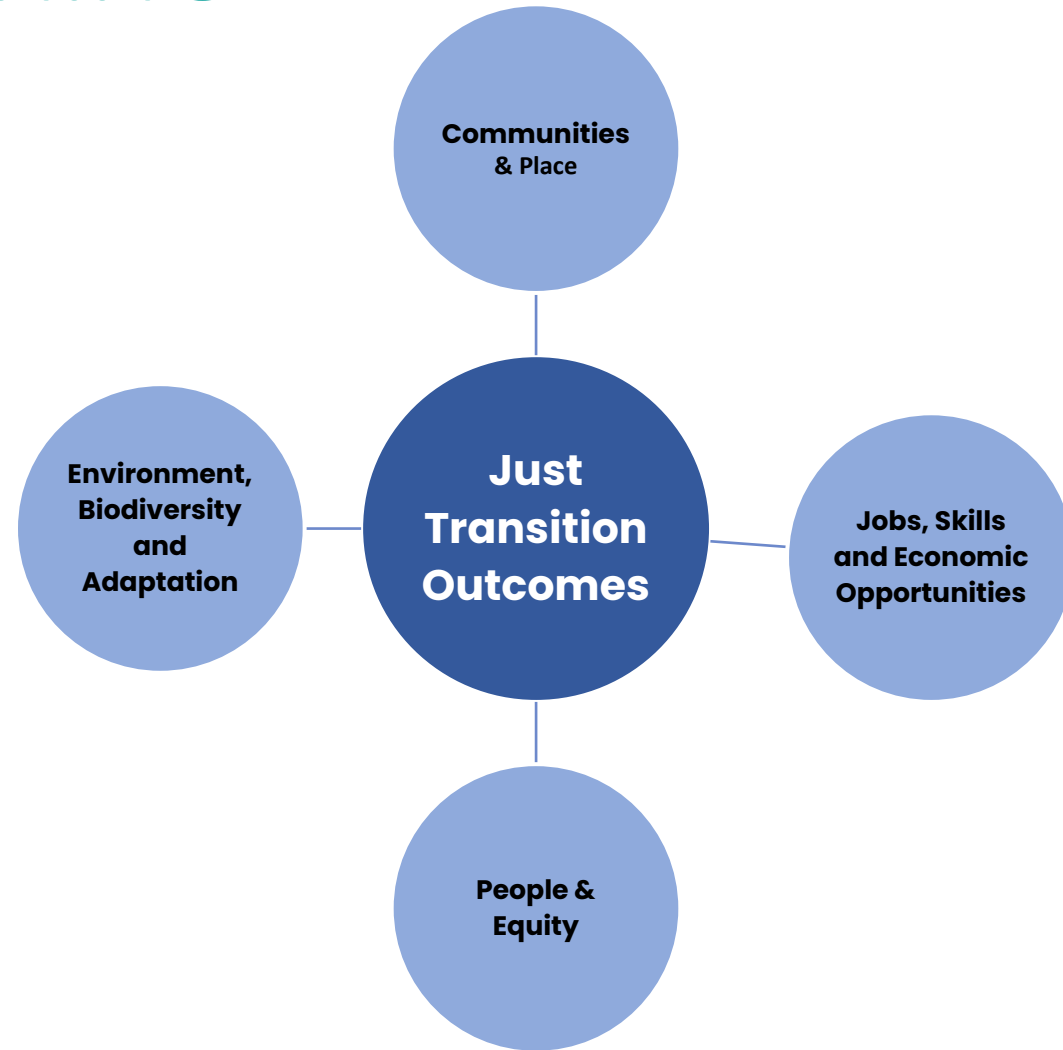
**What are we going to do? How are we going to do it?**  
The most substantial section of the Plan, this should identify, assess, and sequence the actions needed to achieve the vision. This could, for example, take the form of a detailed roadmap to 2030 and a more indicative roadmap from 2030 – 2045, but it must set out concrete steps. It is also essential that key barriers and enablers are identified and acted upon.

**How do we know we're on track?**  
This should detail how progress towards the outcomes in the vision will be monitored and reported on. It should also set expectation of frequent iterating of the Plan as delivery progresses.

# OUTCOMES AND PLANNING



**National Just Transition Planning Framework**



# What is a Just Transition Plan?

## Jobs, skills & economic opportunities

Scotland has a thriving net zero economy, enabling businesses to set up and grow sustainably. People are equipped with the skills and opportunities to access good, green jobs in a net zero economy. This economy delivers a liveable world for people and planet, ensuring a thriving, biodiverse environment and fair work and full lives for people.

## Communities & place

should be accessible for people to grow, investing in their environment and economy. Communities should be empowered to reach net zero in a way that meets their needs, and builds on their unique local strengths, in an equitable fashion as part of a just transition

## People & equity

People are able to enjoy basic rights, freedoms and quality of life, and have access to necessities such as heat, food, housing, employment, childcare and wider wellbeing. They are healthier, happier and treated with respect and have access to full, varied opportunities that add value to their lives. Opportunities, wealth and power are spread more equally. Costs primarily fall to those who can bear them.

## Environment, biodiversity & adaptation

Our environment must meet the needs of those living in and depending on it – this includes both our natural and built environments. Our spaces must be resilient to the impacts of climate change and restore our biodiversity. Spaces must provide those living in or dependent on them with everything they need to live full and healthy lives as they support the transition.

# DELIVERING A JUST TRANSITION

- **Just Transition Plans:**

- **Sectors:**

- Energy (consultation published early 23)
    - Transport
    - Built Environment and Construction
    - Land Use and Agriculture

- **Sites:**

- Grangemouth

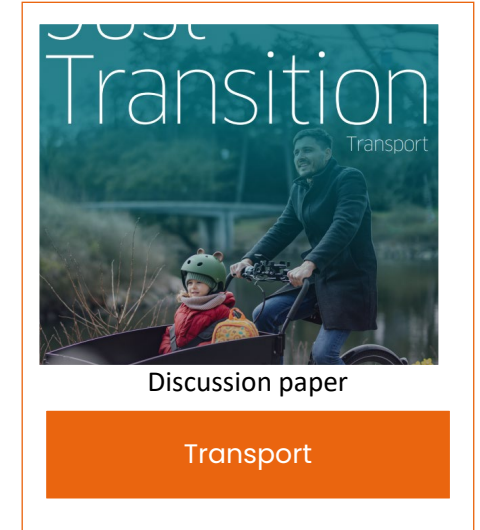
- **Regions**

- **Just Transition Fund:**

- 10-year £500 million for North East and Moray
  - £75 million allocated supporting 24 projects

- **Embedding just transition across SG policy activity:**

- E.g. SNAP, Environment Strategy



# LINKS

- [Executive Summary](#) of first JTC report
- JTC web pages: [The Commission – Just Transition Commission](#)
- JT [Planning Framework](#) (high level approach to developing plans) – September 21
- Sector-focused discussion papers - June 23
  - [Transport](#)
  - [Land Use & ag](#)
  - [Built Environment & Construction](#)
- ESJTP [consultation doc](#)