



State of the Network - Local and Regional Transport and Roads

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Transportation Specialists

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Where are we now ??

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- What are your top 5 priority activities for June -December2025?
 - Road and Bridges Condition
 - Road Casualty reduction
 - Parking/Traffic
 - Climate resilience
 - Fleet/equipment
 - Staff levels/skills
 - Supporting PT
 - Delivery of Active Travel



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Strategic Context

- We are 6 years into the 20 year Co-produced National Transport Strategy that states;

“We will have a sustainable, inclusive, safe and accessible transport system, helping deliver a healthier, fairer and more prosperous Scotland for communities, businesses and visitors.”



Strategic Context

- The vision is underpinned by 4 Priorities;
 - Reduces Inequality – fair access, easy to use, affordable
 - Takes Climate Action – deliver net zero, adapt to change, promote greener choices
 - Helps deliver inclusive economic growth –people & goods get where they need to be, reliable and efficient, use beneficial innovation
 - Improves our health and wellbeing – safe & secure, enable healthy travel choices, make our communities great places to live



Strategic Context

- Scotland's transport network is core to its future economic prosperity, tackling the climate emergency, addressing inequalities including Child Poverty, and facilitating a Just Transition.
- Road network facilitates vast majority of freight movements, bus and coach linkages, active travel, access to the rail, ferry networks and airport surface access.



Strategic Context

- The road and ferry network (in its broadest sense) also provides the core “lifeline function” that keep our communities safe and viable (services, supplies, utilities, emergency access etc), a key consideration in terms of future climate adaptations and resilience requirements
- Scotland requires a safe, well maintained, effective network that is resilient to future demands and climate change pressures, across the trunk and local road networks.



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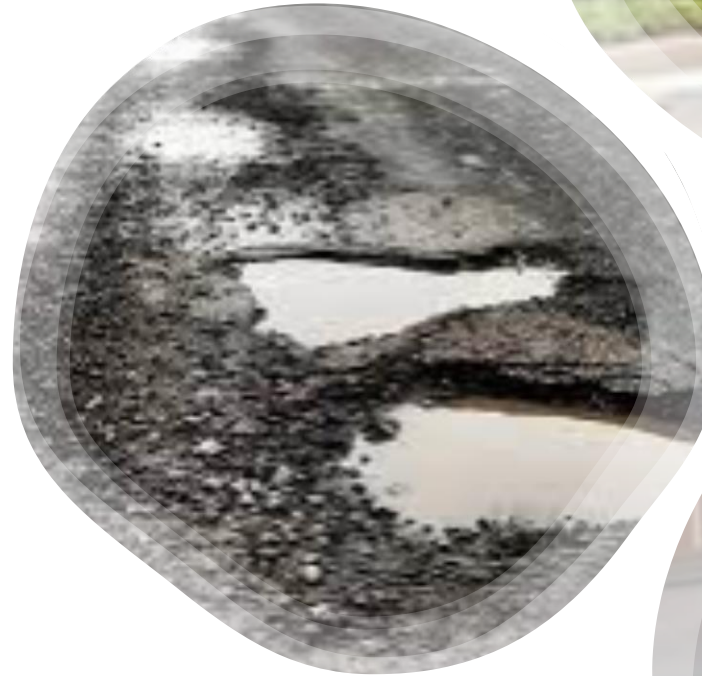
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Current State

- The Grey and Black Asset base – 56,000km
- Our most valuable publicly owned set of assets - carriageways, footways, lighting, structures, traffic signals, cycleways..... And 99% of journeys
- Current physical condition needs £330m+ to ensure it doesn't get any worse
- Trend is not upward



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Data and Analysis

- Shared Priorities on People, Place, Climate & Economy
- Data - All 32 LA + 7 RTP have core data on
 - Road and Bridge stock Condition
 - Backlog Calculations
 - Revenue and Capital Budgets
 - Casualties
 - Local/Regional Passenger data
 - Air quality
 - Congestion, Travel times, Modal share
 - User Surveys
 - [the-value-of-the-local-roads-network-in-scotland-research-report-summary.pdf](#)



What is the political and public expectation of what we should be achieving ?

Better Asset
condition

Reduced lone
driver car kms

Increased Bus
route
passenger kms

Increased Rail
pax

More people
travelling
actively

Reduced Road
casualty levels

Reduced
congestion

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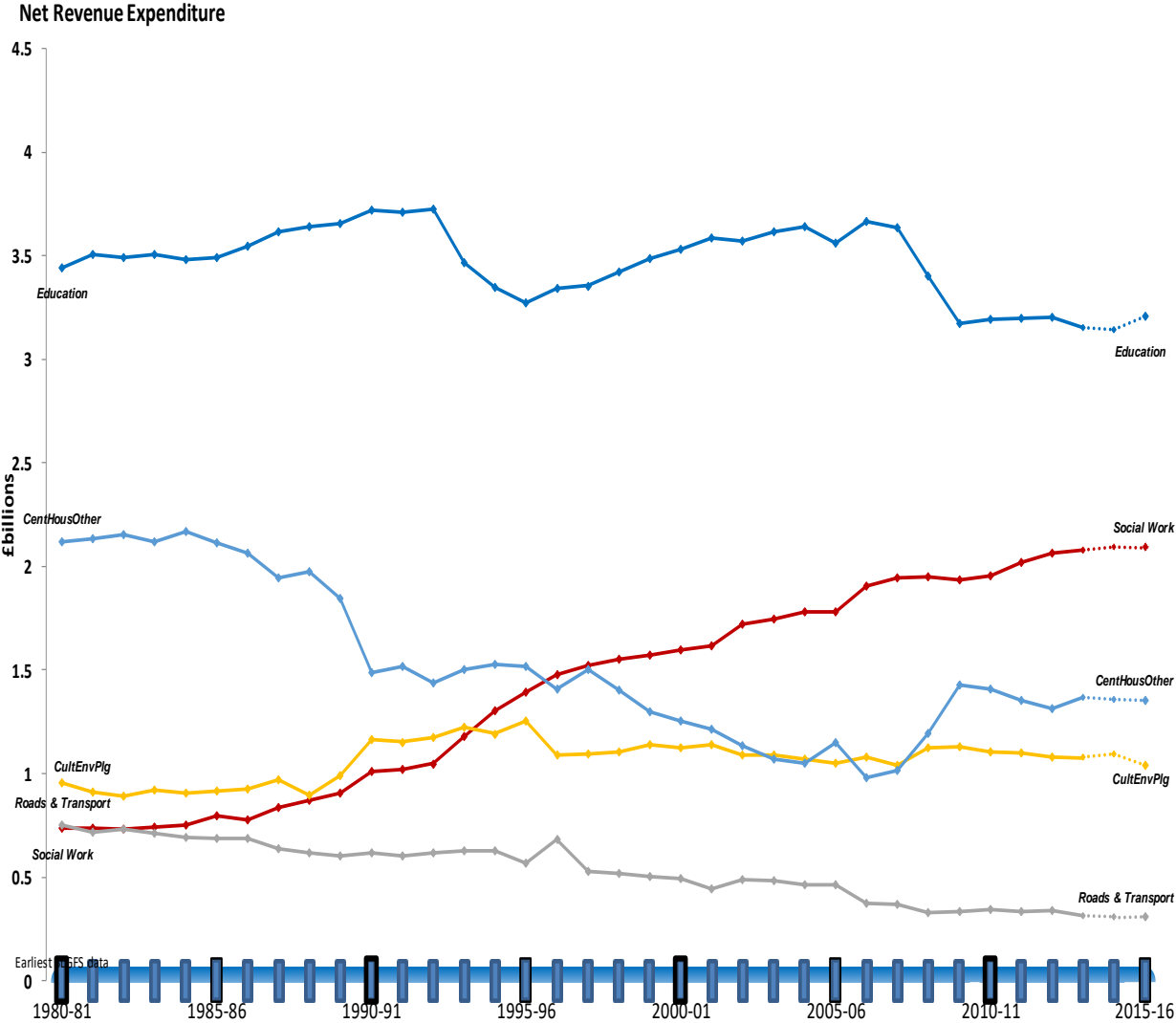


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Cash



Briefing

Local government budgets 2024/25



ACCOUNTS COMMISSION

Prepared by Audit Scotland
May 2024

Category	£m	%
Railways	1,199	33%
Trunk Roads	655	18%
Bus + Concessionary Fare Scheme	605	17%
Ferries	229	6%
Highlands and Islands Airports	60	2%
Canals	38	1%
Freight	1	0%
Other ¹	385	11%
<i>Local Authority Roads</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>9%</i>
<i>Local Authority Public Transport</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>3%</i>
	3,607	100%

Cash



Scottish Transport Statistics 2024
Other: Includes subsidies for the Community Transport Association, piers, harbours, road safety, safer routes to schools

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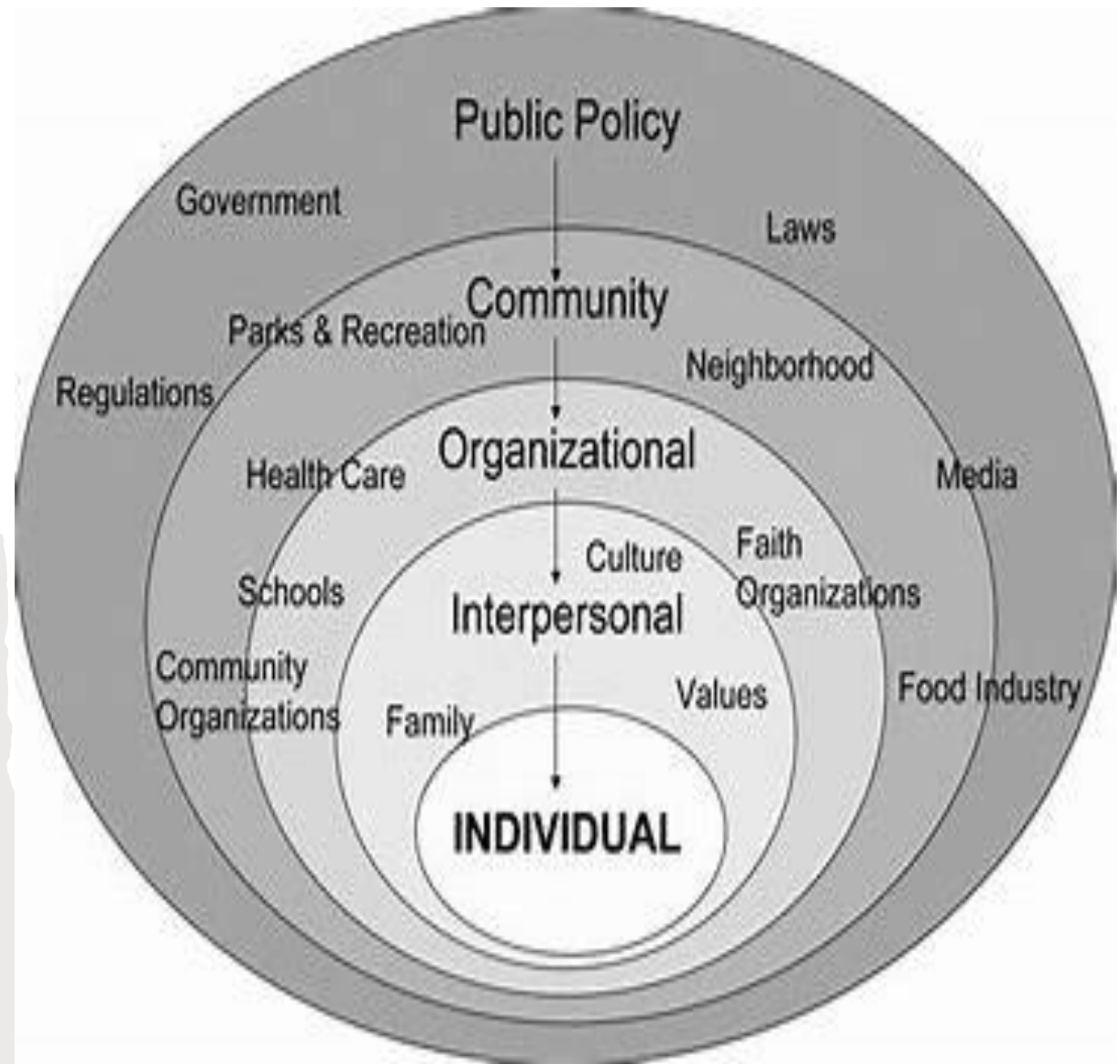
Trends in complaints and customer satisfaction?

Deloitte state of the state report – the public are stating the biggest challenges to the public services by some margin is the lack of funding

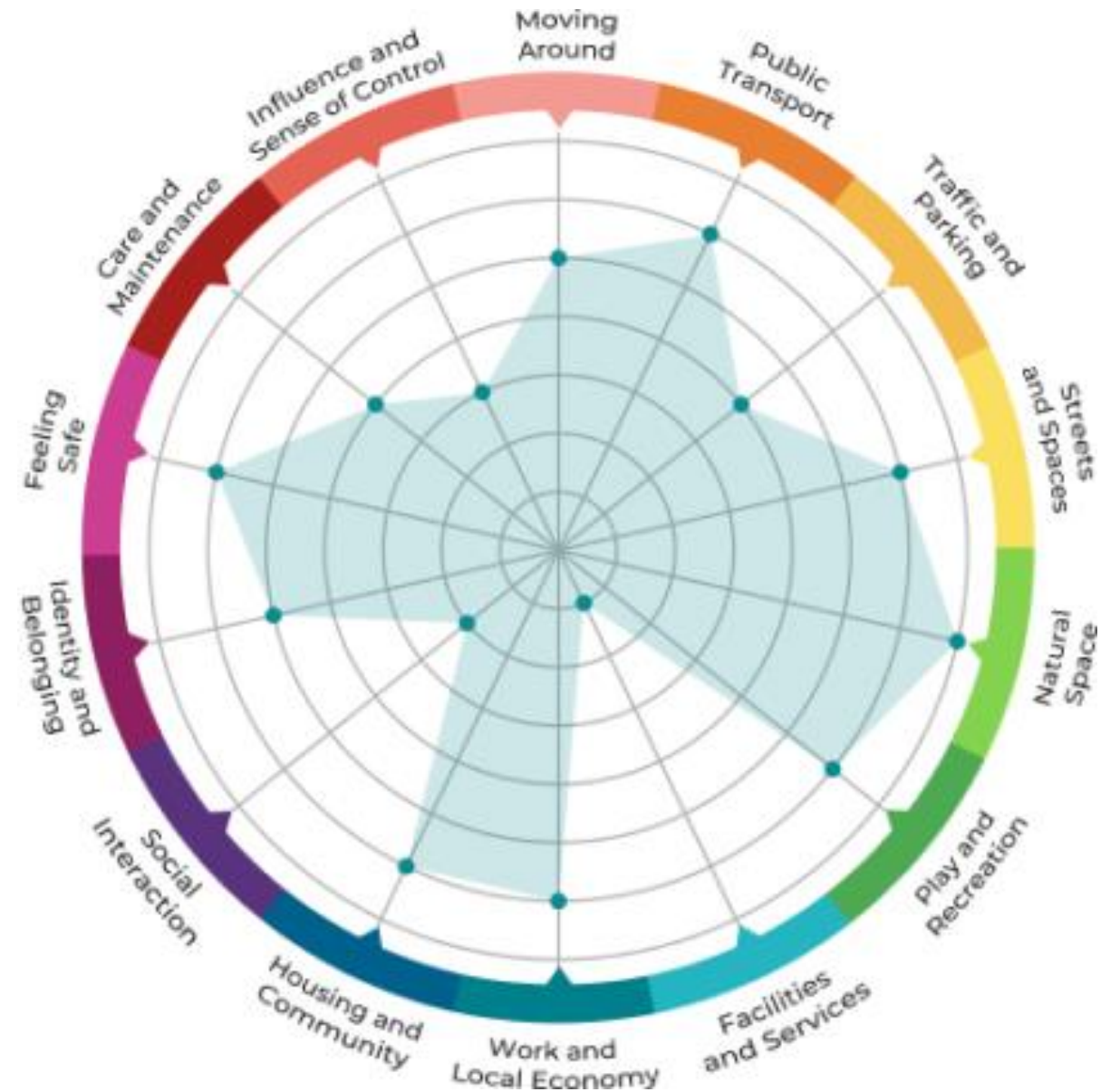
Uptake and use of new active travel or other assets – are we seeing any mode shift?

How do our residents/community groups on accessibility, confidence or lack there of in using/accessing./feeling safe

Communities/ Places



Communities/Places



Communities and Places

- Seem to all be in a position where the investment and skills we currently have are failing to meet current and future needs of our Communities
- We are facing greater degradation of the critical physical assets carriageways, compounded with the need to adapt to and mitigate for climate change
- Without adequate long term funding and skills, including climate change mitigations, safety may be comprised resulting in restrictions and closures impacting on all places and citizens.





So what ?

Increase barriers to use – safety, accessibility, confidence and connectivity decline

Increase vulnerability to climate change – less resilience, fail to meet net zero,

Reduce reliability for the workforce, jobs, training

Increase risk and security resulting in greater number of accidents, claims, closures

Action now is significantly cheaper and more effective than mitigations later

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Where are we now ??

What would you Ask for to meet the challenges ahead? Top 5

What can you Offer to meet the challenges ahead? Top 3





Thank You

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Q&A

