searching for happy outcomes
Christie Commission’s Four Pillars

- Prevention
- Partnership
- Performance
- People
• Better leadership and scrutiny

BUT
• Not delivering ambitious change
• Not achieving a shift to prevention or sharing resources
• Communities not at the centre
2015 Act: Empowering communities

- Strong shared leadership
- Empowered communities
- Partnership added value
- Reducing inequalities
- Resources aligned to outcomes
Fife’s Community Plan
2011-20
WHO CARES?

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Making Fife a great place to live, work, visit and invest

- Increasing Employment
  - Developing a modern business infrastructure
  - Improving the knowledge and research base
  - Strengthening communities through regeneration
  - Extending employment and skill opportunities
- Reducing Inequalities
  - Improving early years development of children in Fife
  - Raising educational attainment and reducing educational inequality
  - Increasing the capability of Fifers to take action and make a difference to their communities
  - Reducing low income households
- Tackling Climate Change
  - Adapting to climate change
- Making Fife's Communities Safer
  - Improving the health of Fifers and narrowing the health inequality gap
- Meeting the need for suitable housing choices
- Reducing Carbon Emissions
  - Growing businesses and employment in key sectors

Fife Partnership… Strengthening Fife’s Future
Five year outcomes
Strategic Assessment
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Local Strategic Assessments

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<td><strong>A. Demographic Change</strong></td>
<td>All areas identify the changing population as an issue. The overall population is increasing, with higher numbers of older people in particular. However, it will also bring larger numbers of school age children in some areas and these differences across Fife will be important.</td>
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<td><strong>B. Better Use of Local Assets</strong></td>
<td>Better use of assets for both the community and local economy was seen as important. While assets included facilities in public ownership, the main thrust of the issue is around using local landscapes, heritage and culture, particularly for as yet untapped tourism potential.</td>
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<td><strong>C. Improving Connectivity</strong></td>
<td>Connecting outlying and rural areas more effectively was seen as an issue. This includes connecting potential workforces to jobs and education. Parking in towns and in residential areas was seen to be a barrier as were public transport pricing and accessibility.</td>
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<td><strong>D. The Changing Economy</strong></td>
<td>Local economic issues are seen as particularly important in central Fife. Despite the lengths of time involved, these issues often relate to the demise of traditional industries and the resulting dislocation of population from more economically robust areas, particularly the bridgeheads.</td>
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<td><strong>E. Underlying Causes of Poverty</strong></td>
<td>Tackling the drivers of poverty are particularly important in central Fife. These relate to the changing economy and connectivity, but also longer term issues have reduced ambition and aspiration in communities which creates considerable inertia to change.</td>
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Fife’s Dilemmas

• Is ‘doing average’ good enough?
• National and international influences
• Low expectations in areas with poorest outcomes
• Tackling poverty as inequalities grow
• Making the most of Fife’s tourism potential
• Area of strategic concern: Mid-Fife
• Some areas under-performing
• Acting boldly during a time of uncertainty
Fife Partnership

Outcome Delivery Boards

- Children
- Economy and Environment
- Safer Communities
- Health and Communities

- Creating jobs – focus on Mid-Fife
- Tackling poverty
- Reducing health inequalities
- Growing tourism