

URCs – setting the policy context

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Outline

- Origins of URC policy
- The two waves of Scottish URCs
- A New Government – where we are now
- What next?

Origins of URC policy

- Consultation on URCs launched in 2003
- 3 Pathfinder URCs launched in 2004



Why a URC?

- Vision & strategic focus
- Attract private sector investment
- Guide investment towards agreed outcomes and objectives – physical, social and economic
- Maximise the use of public sector assets
- Strategic approach to infrastructure
- Speed the pace of delivery

Origins of URC policy



Regeneration policy statement
– published in 2006

Committed Government to
supporting 3 new URCs



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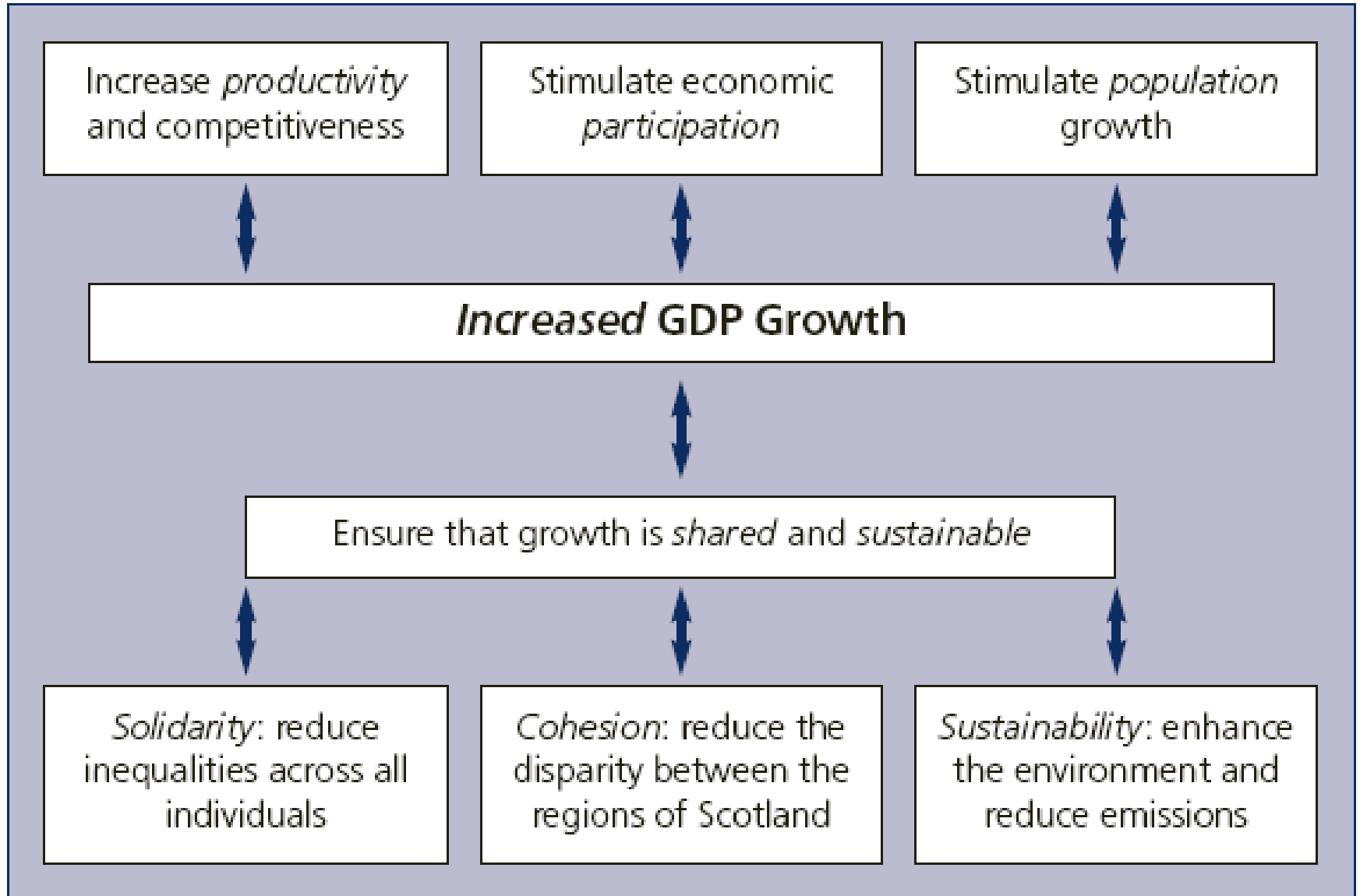
A New Government



A New Purpose

- **to focus the Government and public services on creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable economic growth.**

The Purpose of the Scottish Government



Where we are now

- Government funding for URCs secured
 - £87m over the next 3 years
- Key areas of focus
 - Credit crunch
 - Maximising community benefit
 - Sustainability
 - Community engagement

What next?

- Ongoing support for 6 Pathfinder URCs
- Evaluation of URC programme
 - Early lessons / best practice
 - Monitoring & Evaluation Framework
- Sharing best practice