INVEST IN OUR HEALTH SERVICE

• We will increase frontline NHS spending by at least 20% to support and renew our NHS as it recovers from Covid-19. This will increase funding of frontline services by over £2.5 billion.

• We will ensure that half of the total budget for frontline NHS services will be invested in community and primary care so that more people can be cared for more conveniently and quickly.

• We will ensure every GP practice in the country has access to a dedicated mental wellbeing link worker.

• We will implement an NHS recovery plan to restore paused services, ensure urgent care is delivered swiftly, catch up on treatments that have had to be delayed, and bring waiting times back within targets.

• To help renew our NHS we aim to invest £10 billion over the next decade to replace and refurbish health facilities across Scotland. That will include:
  • Renewing or upgrading primary and community facilities, for example the Falkirk Community Hospital.
  • Renewing acute and general hospital facilities to keep them fit for the future, including building the new Monklands Hospital at Wester Moffat.

• To aid our recovery from the pandemic and see that we have the elective capacity we need for the future we will also take forward two additional elective centres – one of which will be in Cumbernauld.

• We will establish a fast track cancer diagnostic centre in every health board area to help better support patients with non-specific symptoms suspicious of cancer.

• £190 million – in partnership with local government – for the major roads programme which will join the M74 in the south with the M80 in the north.

• £2 billion – in partnership with local government – in a Learning Estate Investment Programme, building on the investment this SNP government has already made in, for instance, Greenfaulds High School in North Lanarkshire and Carrongrange High School in Falkirk.

• £40 million in the Falkirk Growth Deal with a further £10 million specifically for green recovery projects.

• The SNP will invest £275 million to support community-led regeneration and town centre revitalisation with funding available across Central Scotland.

• We will assess options for direct links to international markets from our ports and airports in the region – reducing dependency on the ‘short straits’ and airports in the South East of England – to provide cost effective options for Scottish exporters.

• We have established a Grangemouth Future Industry Board to support a Just Transition – promoting economic activity while advancing the move to a low-carbon future.

BOOST OUR ECONOMY AND CREATE JOBS

• We will invest over £33 billion over the next five years in our National Infrastructure Mission, supporting an estimated 45,000 jobs and providing benefits across Scottish supply chains. In Central Scotland, we will invest:

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INVEST IN EDUCATION AND SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

• We will invest a further £1 billion to close the school attainment gap and invest in children’s wellbeing and with a programme of summer activities to allow them to socialise, play and reconnect.

• In the last year alone, the SNP has provided a free school meal to over 24,000 pupils in the Central Scotland Region. We will go even further and make sure no child is hungry in the classroom by providing free school breakfasts and lunches to every primary school pupil, all year round.
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• We will **renew every play park** in Central Scotland, so that all children have access to quality play in their own community, **backed by £60 million**.

• We will expand our digital learning offer to **develop a National Digital Academy**, ending the postcode lottery of subject choice, and enabling people to study for their Higher's later in life, in their own time, fitting it around work or caring commitment.

**BUILD A FAIRER SOCIETY**

• Child poverty is in every part of Scotland. We want to lift children out of poverty in Central Scotland - that's why we will **double the Scottish Child Payment to £20 per child** by the end of parliament and nearly double the planned investment in the Parental Employability Support Fund.

• We will build a wraparound childcare system providing care before and after school, all year round, where the least well-off families will pay nothing.

**INVEST IN HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIVITY**

• Since taking office, we have **delivered 96,750 affordable homes**, nearly 67,000 of which were for social rent - including **over 30,500 in Central Scotland**. We will deliver a **further 100,000 affordable homes by 2032**, backed by investment of £3.5 billion over the parliament - supporting 14,000 jobs a year.

• We will give **renters more protection from unreasonable rent hikes** by empowering local authorities to cap rents.

• We will **bring Scotrail into public hands** from next year.

• We will work to **reinstate or develop new railway commuter lines in urban areas**, delivering enormous benefits to communities and the regional economy, in terms of sustainable tourism and to meet our green travel objective.

• Work is underway to **electrify the East Kilbride rail line** as part of our ambitious plans to **decarbonise Scotland’s rail passenger services by 2035**.

• We will work with Network Rail to deliver a **fully accessible relocated Hairmyres station** and undertake feasibility studies for Shotts and Hartwood stations.

• Our £579 million investment in the expansion of superfast broadband means **every home and business in Central Scotland will have access by 2023**.

**WORK TOWARDS NET ZERO**

• We will take real action to transform how we heat our homes, to increase renewable energy and to invest in hydrogen as a fuel source, we will revolutionise our transport system electrifying our rail lines, switching to electric vehicles, increasing active travel and investing in green jobs and industries for the future.

• We will ensure that every Local Authority area will have a **Nature Network of new, locally driven projects which aim to improve ecological connectivity across Scotland**.

• We will continue to work with and support the **Central Scotland Green Network**.

• Over five years we will provide an **additional £100 million** to Scottish Forestry to increase new planting, £30 million to Forestry and Land Scotland to expand Scotland’s national forests and land, and a further £20 million will go to increase nursery stocks.

**PROMOTE CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND SPORT**

• We will protect free access to our National Galleries and Museums, including the **National Museum of Rural Life in East Kilbride**, and continue to fund non-national museums and galleries through support for Museums & Galleries Scotland.

• Taking Wigtown, Scotland’s National Book Town, as a model, we will extend the reach of the arts by launching an **open competition for further National Towns of Culture** for example, Scotland’s National Live Music Town, Folk and Trad Town, or Visual Art Town.

• We will **create a ‘Fan Bank’** to empower communities and groups and strengthen local decision-making by supporting communities to acquire a share or control of their local sports club.

• We will **double the Scottish Government’s investment in sport and active living to £100 million a year** by the end of the Parliament to help Scotland get more active.