

Housing Supply - National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity

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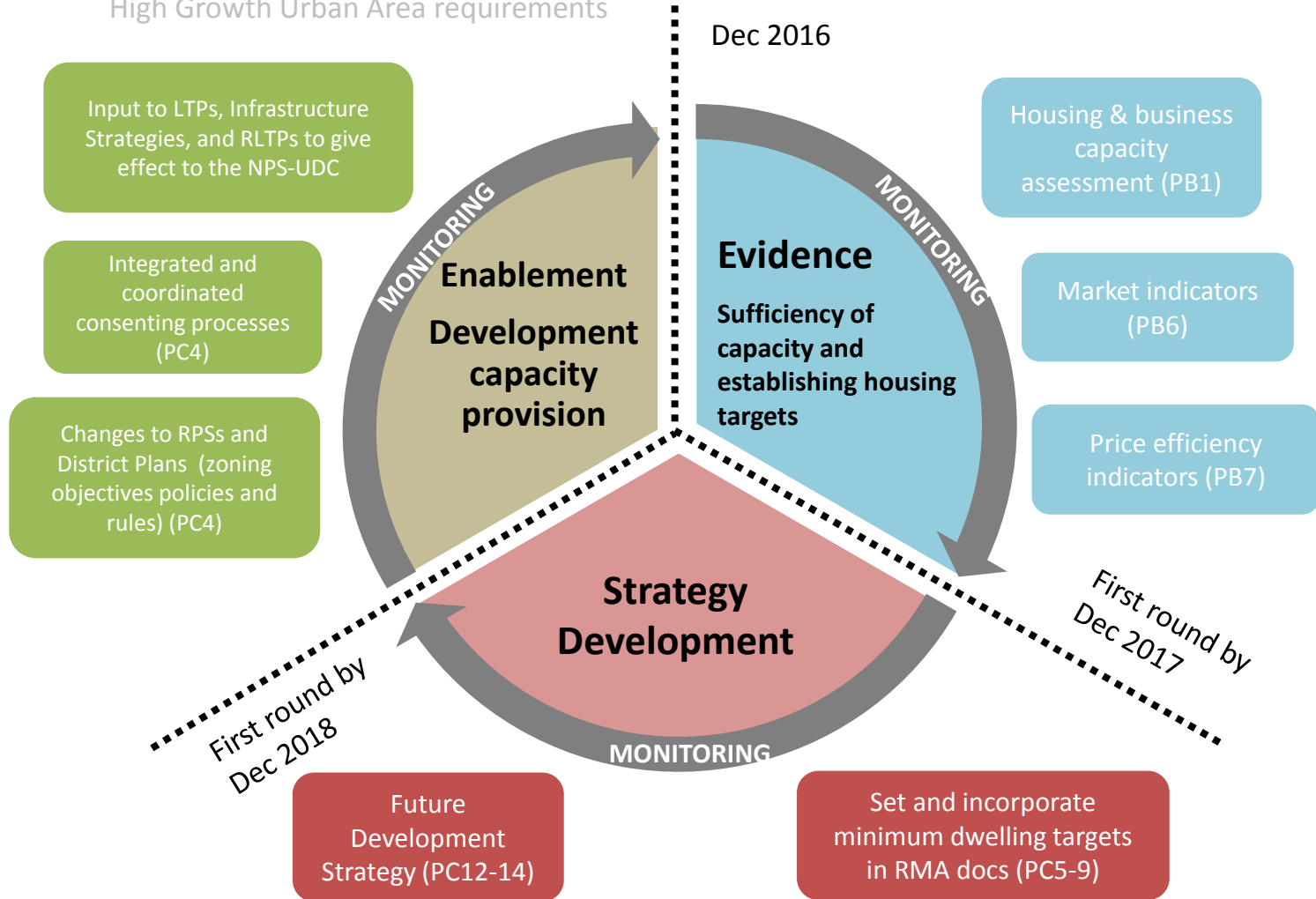
Why a National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity?



- Dynamic, fast growing urban areas with rapidly increasing house prices
- Planning often not well placed to address these dynamics
- NPS-UDC introduced in 2016:
 - enable urban environments to grow and change in response to the changing needs of their communities
 - provide enough space for their populations to happily live and work



High Growth Urban Area requirements



New opportunities, new challenges

- Steep learning curve
- Highly technical work: resource challenges
- Positive outcomes: collaboration, stronger evidence base

Gathering evidence to inform planning responses

- First Housing and Business Development Capacity Assessments (HBAs) produced for five high-growth urban areas
- ‘Newly defined’ high growth and medium growth urban area HBAs due this year
- The results so far.....

Housing development capacity results



- Sufficient capacity in the short and medium term (up to 10 years)
- Some long term capacity issues (10-30 years)
- Shortfalls of housing capacity at low and middle price points in all locations

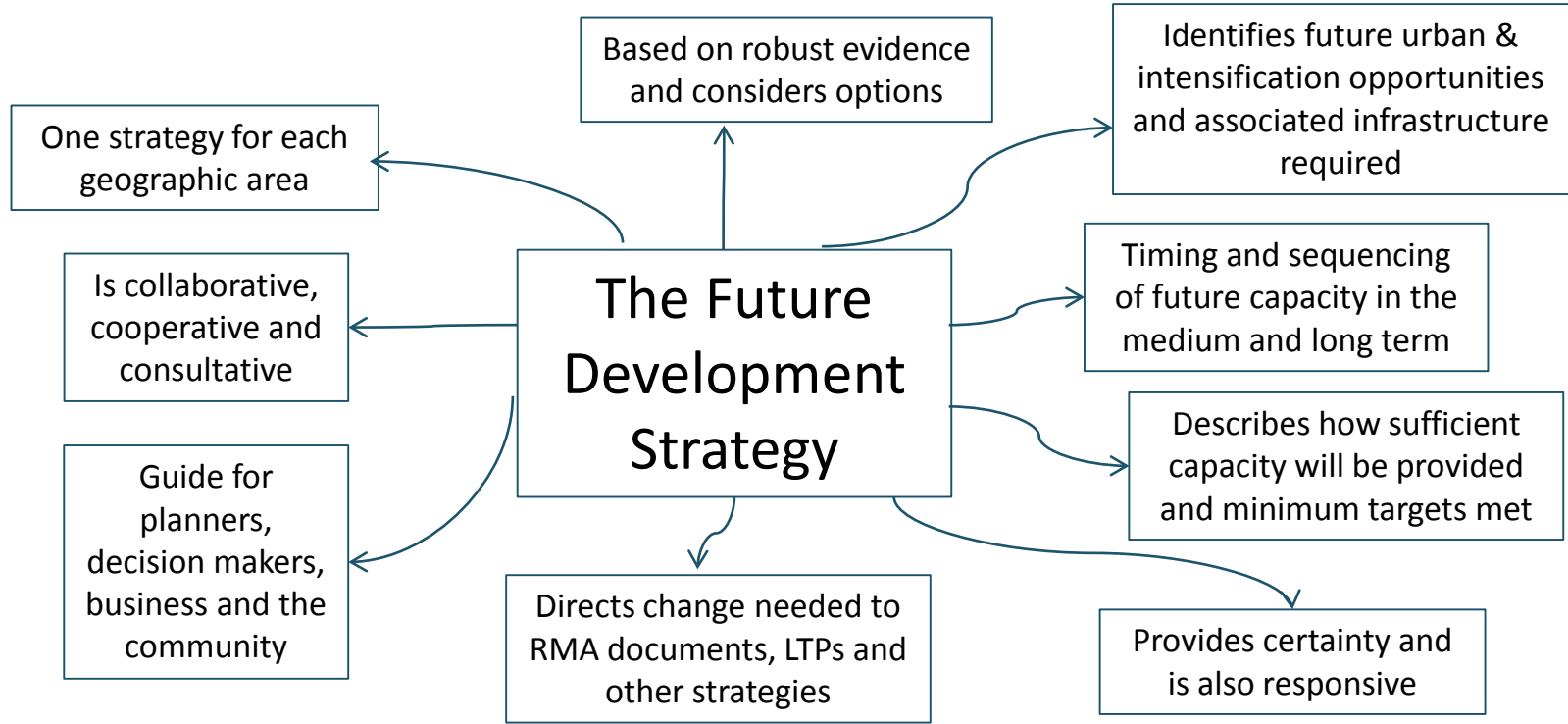


Housing Capacity – Key Issues

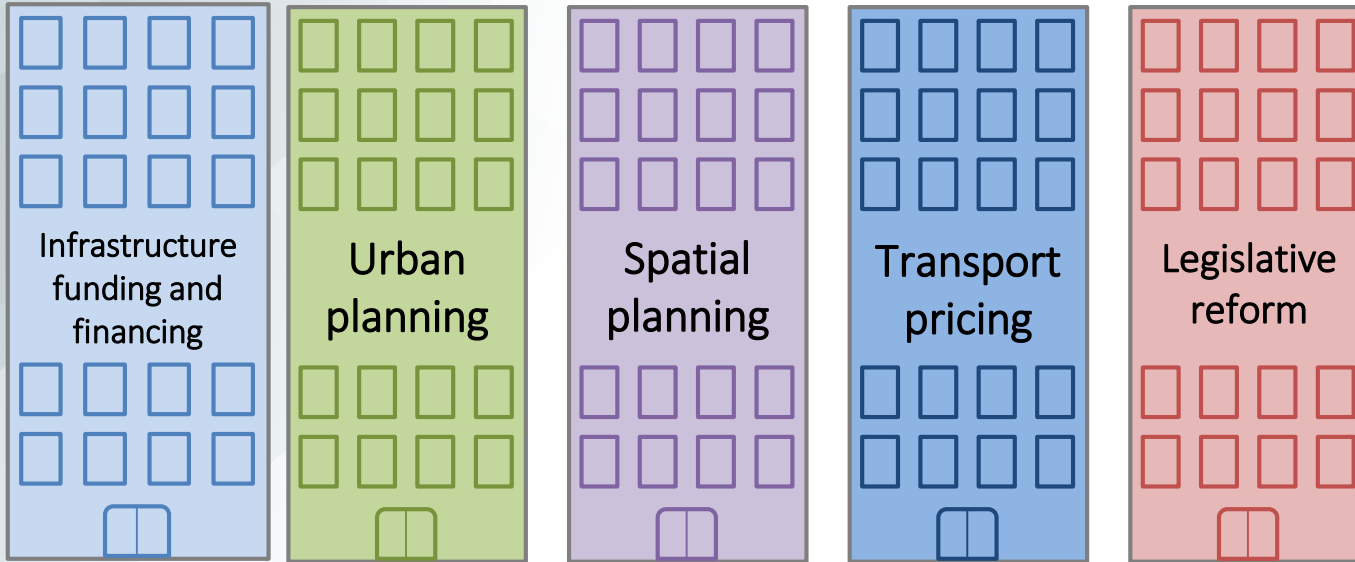
- Mismatch - housing enabled by plans vs. housing that is needed
- Plans may need changing to enable / incentivise building more diverse and affordable housing



Future Development Strategies



The UGA has five pillars



The Urban Growth Agenda

UGA outcomes helping councils deliver NPS-UDC

- New tools – spatial planning, new infrastructure funding tools
- Further support on tools for NPS-UDC planning responses
- National Direction – Quality Intensification
- Legislative reform
- Connections with other key work areas eg. water

RMA Amendment Bill 2018

- Reducing complexity
- Increasing certainty
- Restoring meaningful public participation



And existing planning tools

- Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas Act 2013
- Streamlined Planning Process



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