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# The Elephant in the Room...

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## Regulating and influencing the delivery of Decommissioning

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## NSTA's Strategic Objectives and Priorities

– four areas of focus for decommissioning:



Planning for  
Decommissioning



Commercial  
Transformation



Supporting  
the Energy  
Transition



Technology,  
Processes &  
Guidance

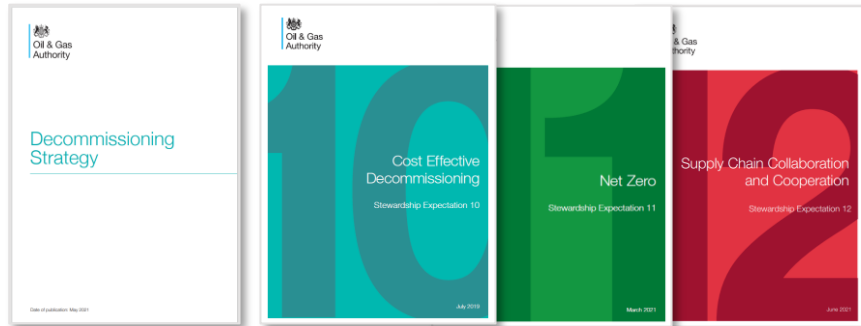
## NSTA's Value Creation Approach

- Regulating and Influencing



The NSTA aims to ensure that decommissioning is carried out cost effectively, in accordance with regulatory requirements, consistent with [our strategy](#), and as detailed in [Stewardship Expectation 10](#).

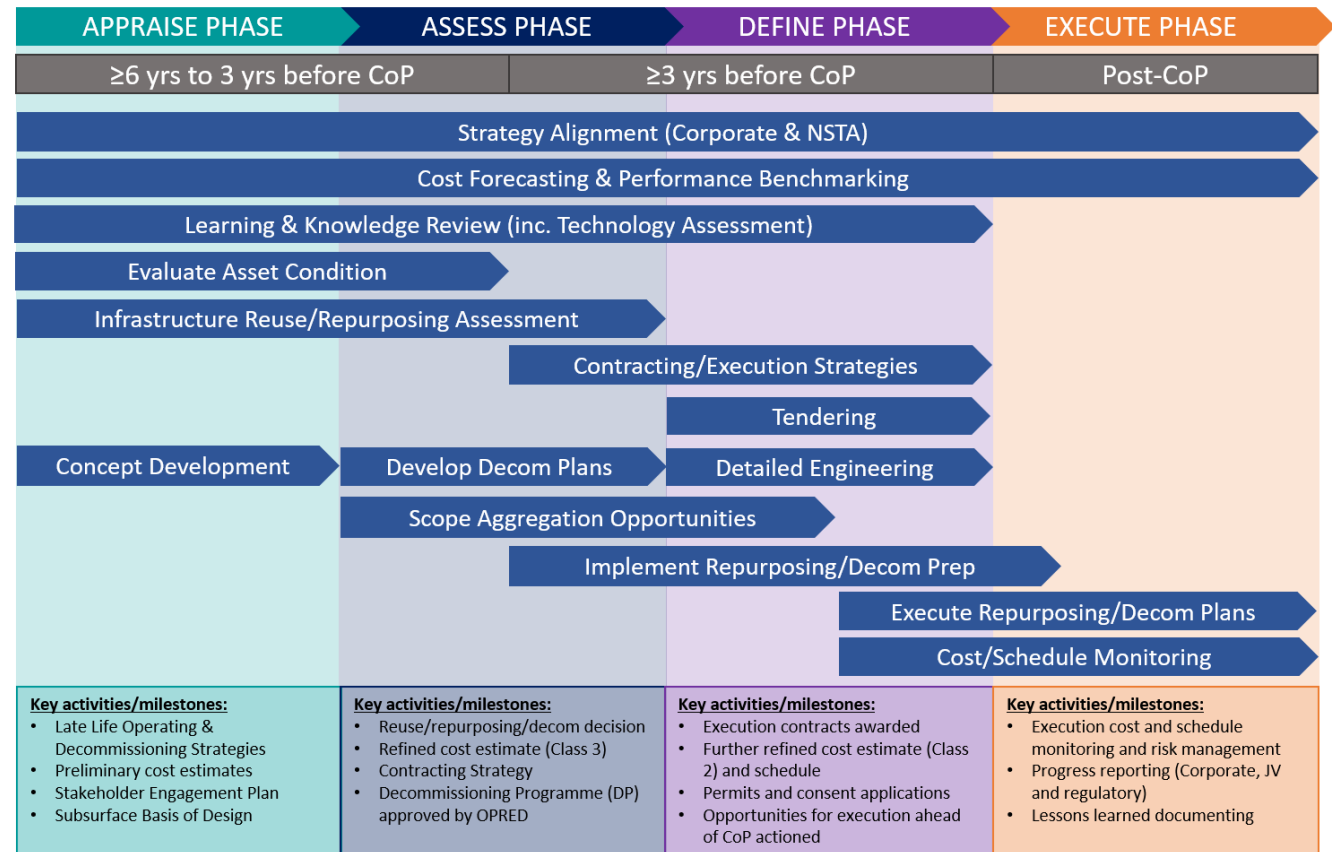
## Strategy and Stewardship



## Tools for industry activity and data visibility



## Effective planning and key deliverables





## What is the NSTA here to do?

- Regulating
- Influencing
  - *Balancing*
  - *Bridging*
  - *Building*

# Regulating

- Industry must cooperate with the NSTA to ensure the delivery of our strategy, and Stewardship Expectations are the key vehicle
- NSTA acts as a key consultee for OPRED, which regulates decommissioning and is the decision-maker on Decommissioning Programmes (DPs)
- Through Stewardship, implementation of the Decommissioning Programme is monitored to ensure alignment with the regulatory obligations
- NSTA sets and manages the Well P&A obligations (WONS)
  - See “UKCS Well Applications & Consents Guidance”
- Societal expectations as well as the statutory obligations must form part of the decision-making for decommissioning
- NSTA’s work on efficiency helps protect the taxpayer from bearing the full cost of decommissioning (HMT engagement)



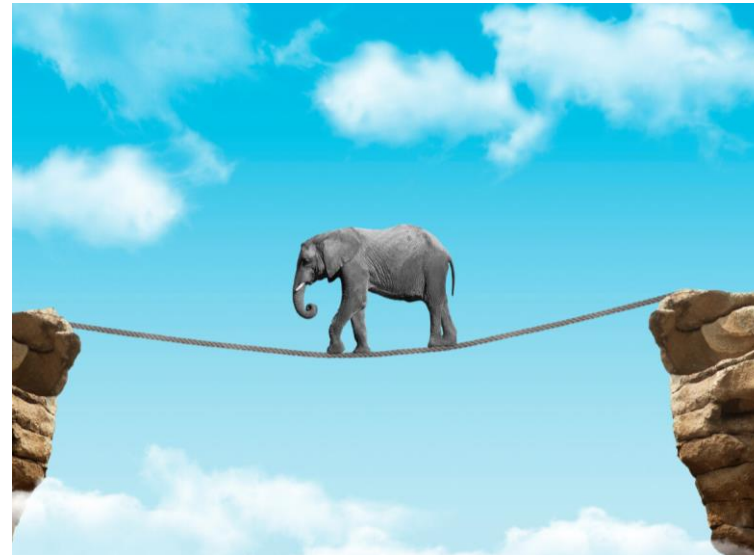
## Balancing



### Engaging & Listening

- NSTA priorities and drivers
- Cross-regulatory objectives
- Licensee obligations for short-term action and long-term sustainability
- Supply Chain capability & capacity
- Delivering effective Stewardship

## Bridging



### Communicating & Actioning

- Understanding the key issues
- Making meaningful data visible
- Changing perceptions of Decom
- Grasping the new opportunities
- Communicating the challenges
- Inputting to workgroup objectives

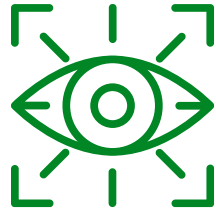
## Building



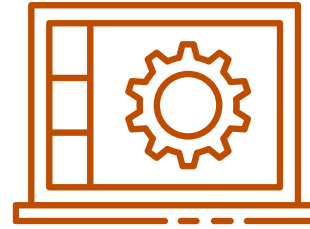
### Analysing, Planning & Reporting

- Performance Analysis and Reporting
- Acceptable and achievable Plans
- Pathway to decarbonisation
- Reuse & Repurposing opportunities
- Decom successes and key learnings
- Confidence and credibility in sector

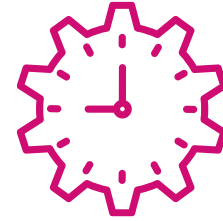
# What we aim to achieve...



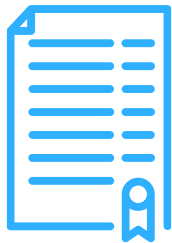
**Data Visibility**  
transparency



**Tools & Practices**  
consistency



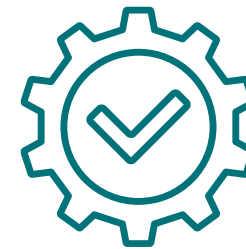
**Performance Metrics**  
accountability



**Stewardship Expectations**  
influence



**Delivering Commitments**  
assurance



**Regulatory Compliance**  
governance

# Key takeaways...







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# Thank you

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