

# Buying sustainable outcomes

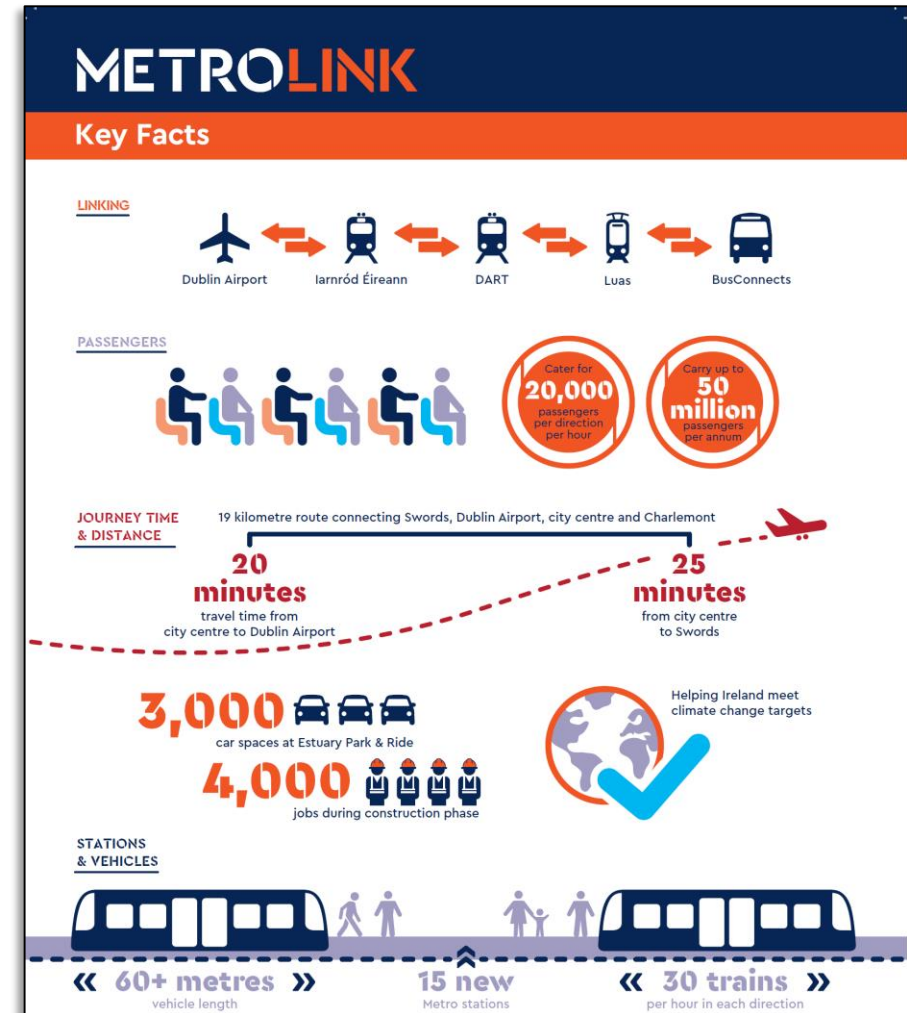
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# Introduction

**The purpose of public procurement** is to guide the considered acquisition of works, goods and services in a manner that maximises value for money (VFM), aids the achievement of project and programme objectives and is consistent with EU and national law and regulations.

The overarching policy framework for public procurement in Ireland is the National Public Procurement Policy Framework. The framework sets out the procurement procedures to be followed by Government Departments and State Bodies, including TII.



# Strategic context



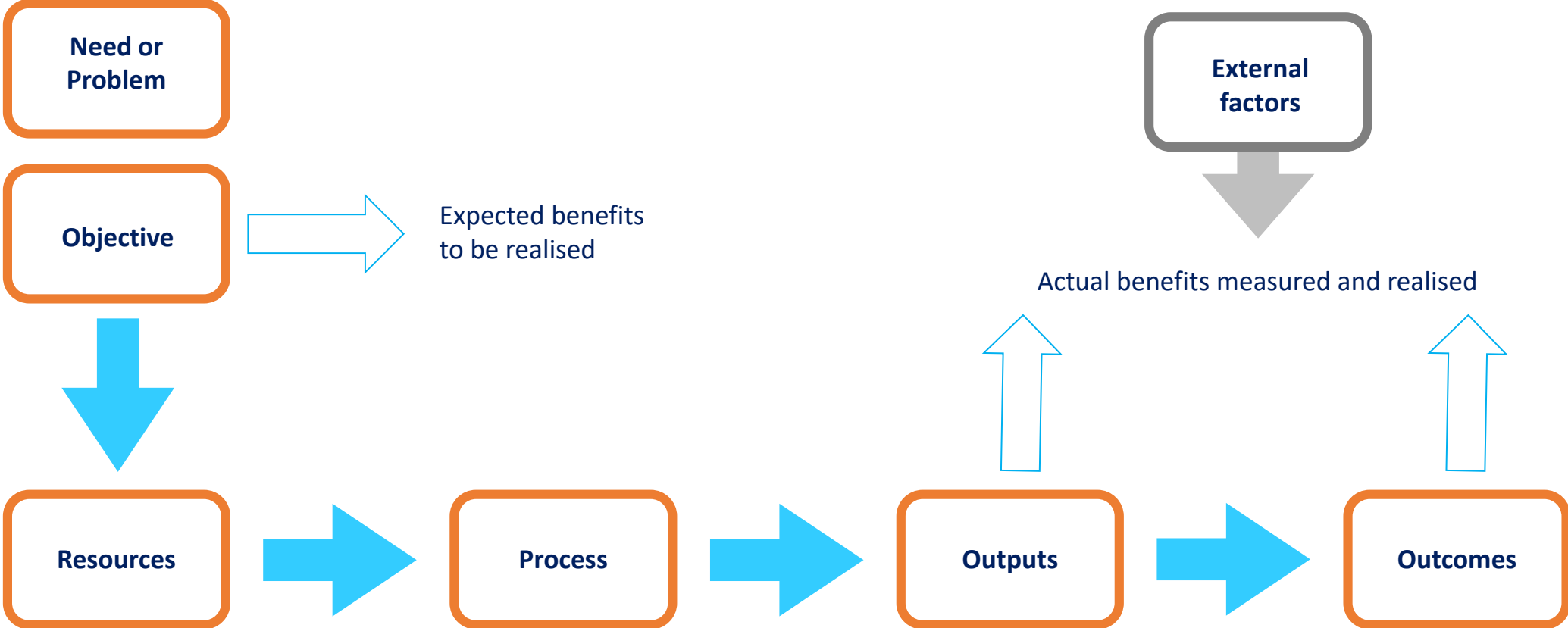
“Well-planned and well-executed public capital investment offers a wide range of social and economic benefits: it enhances well-being and quality of life, underpins better connectivity, improves productivity, and enables more environmentally sustainable development.”

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# Sustainable Development Goals



# Logical framework

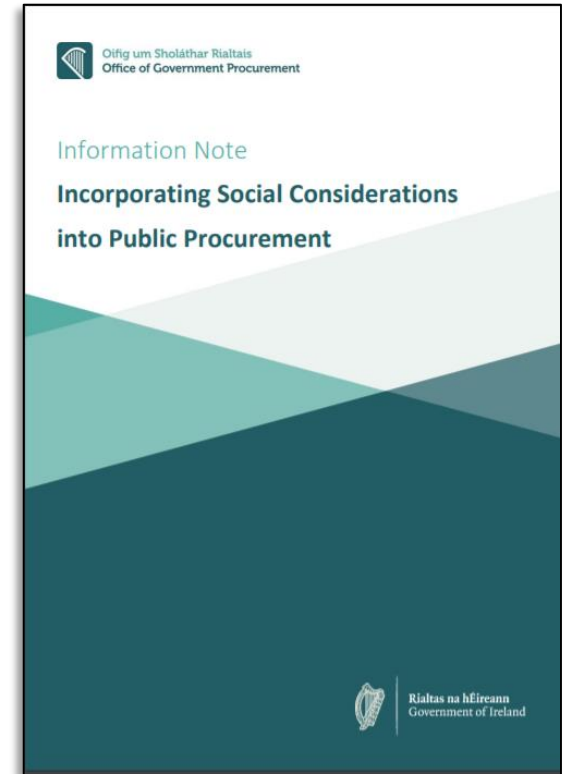


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“add value by maximising the public policy impact that procurement can have in **enabling wider community benefits** in areas such as employment, training, assisting SMEs, promoting innovation, environmental and social considerations ... consider how social issues can appropriately be integrated into the procurement process”

## Green Public Procurement (GPP)

“seeks to procure goods, services and works with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life cycle when compared to goods, services and works with the same primary function that would otherwise be procured. GPP is a voluntary instrument but has a key role to play in the EU’s efforts to become a more resource-efficient economy.”



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## Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP)

“is a process by which public authorities seek to achieve the appropriate balance between the three pillars of sustainable development - economic, social and environmental - when procuring goods, services or works at all stages of the project.”

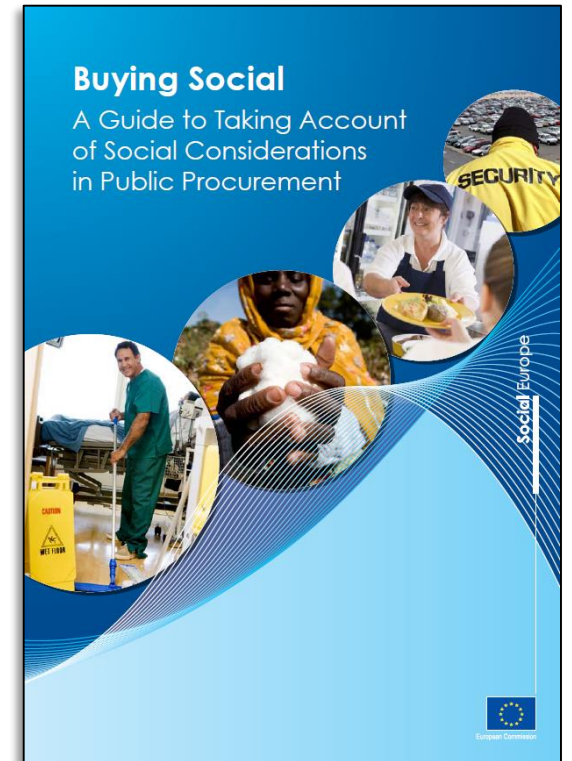
“is a process whereby public organizations meet their needs for goods, services, works and utilities in a way that achieves value for money on a whole life cycle basis. This means generating benefits not only to the organization, but also to society and the economy, whilst significantly reducing negative impacts on the environment.”



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**Socially responsible public procurement (SRPP)** is about achieving positive social outcomes in public contracts.

“By purchasing wisely, public buyers can promote employment opportunities, decent work, social inclusion, accessibility, design for all, ethical trade, and seek to achieve wider compliance with social standards. For some products, works and services, the impact can be particularly significant, as public purchasers command a large share of the market in sectors such as construction, healthcare and transport.”





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## ... means

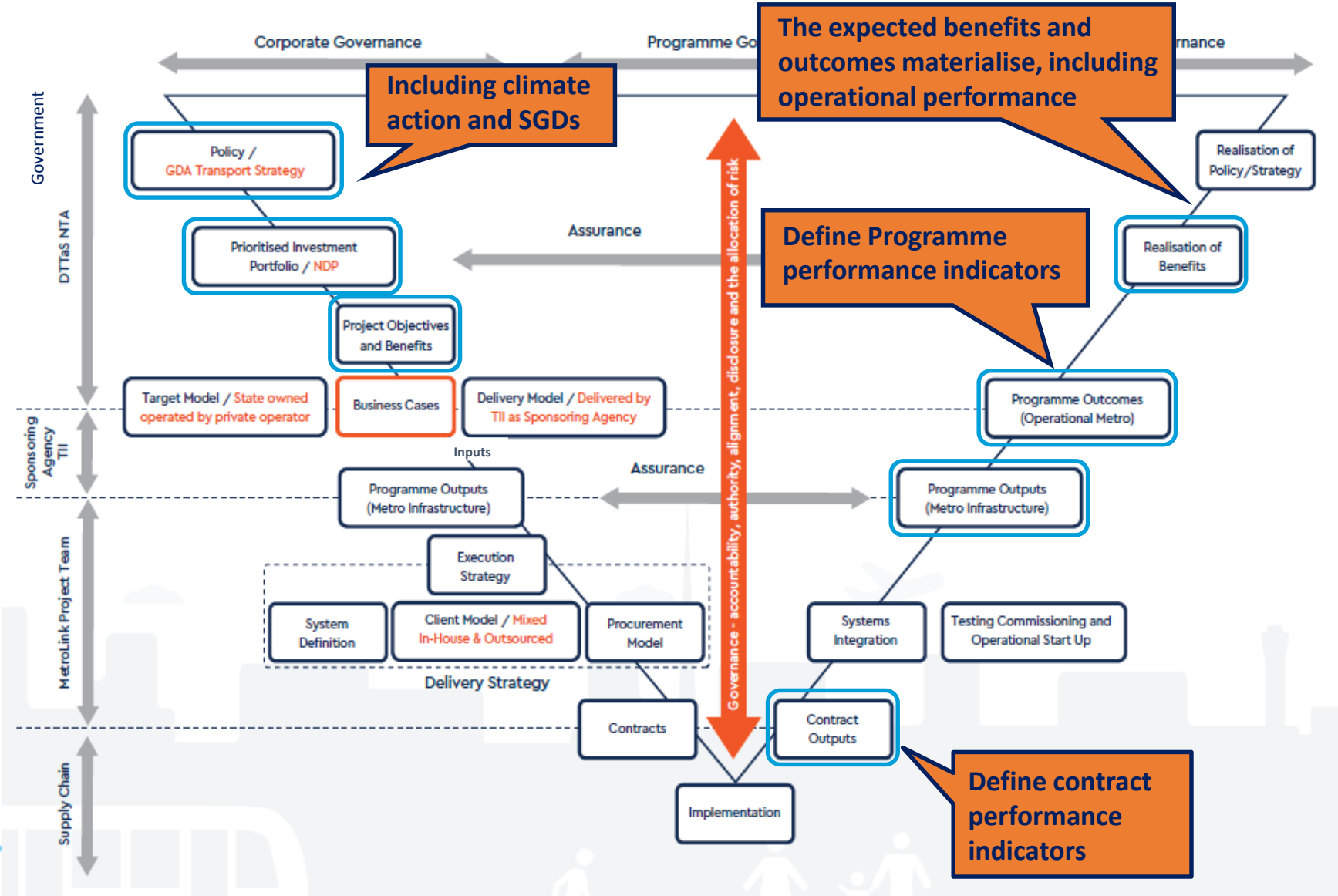
- enabling wider community benefits
- finding an appropriate balance
- achieving value for money
- generating benefits to society and the economy
- reducing negative impacts on the environment
- achieving positive social outcomes



... that relies on **well-planned and well-executed** public capital investment

# Translating Objectives to Outcomes

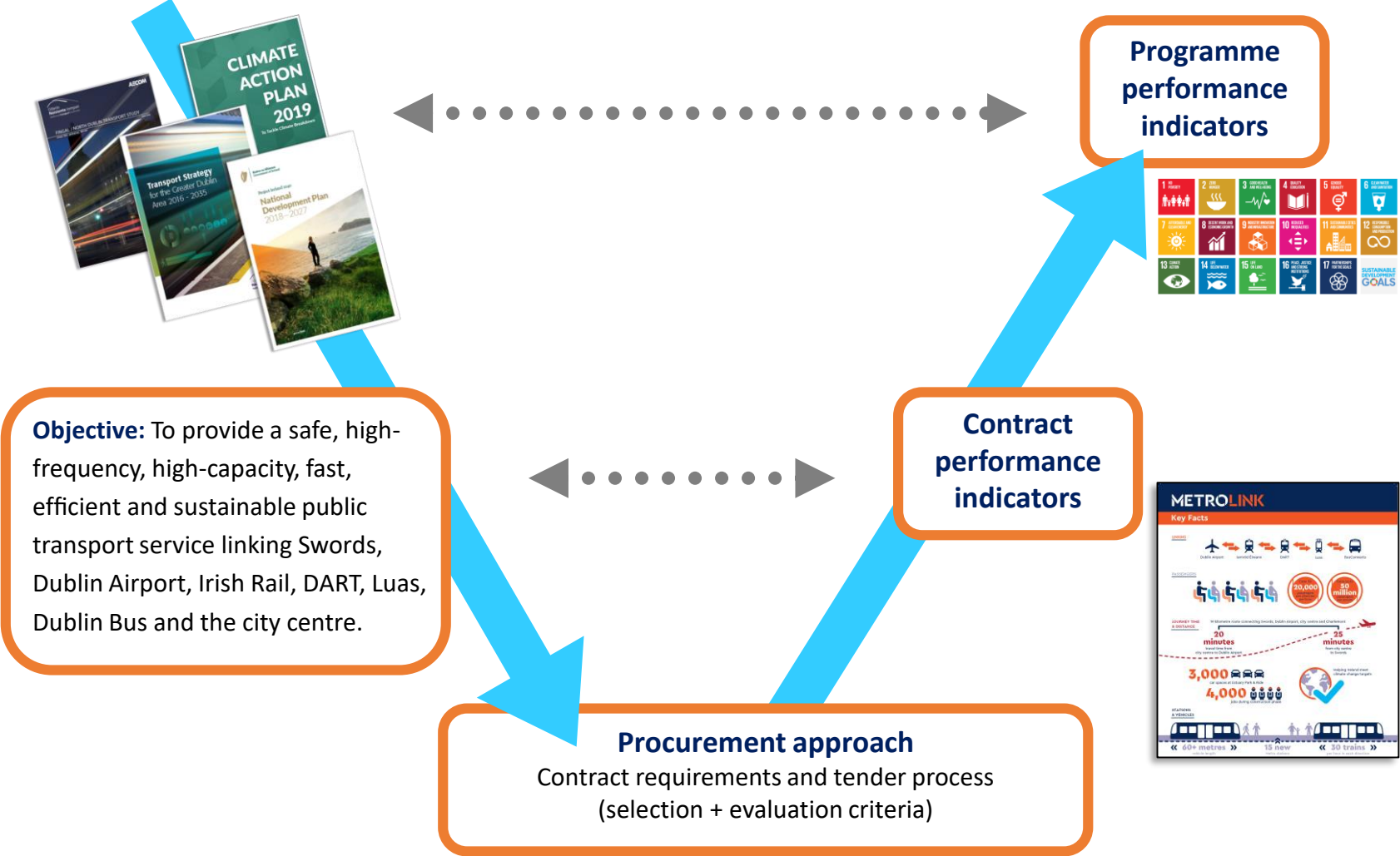
National strategic objectives  
Operational objectives




National Strategic Outcomes  
Operational outputs

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Planning stage





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