



# JUST TRANSITION

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acvo  
aberdeen's 3rd sector interface



# Green Participatory Budgeting (PB)

## The North-East Regional Partnership Story



# Scotland's Just Transition: Just Transition Fund for the North East and Moray

A fair journey to Net Zero



# How the project formed?

## Partners



money £or moray



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# Green PB – Details



- **Where:**
  - Aberdeen City (ACVO & NESCAN Hub)
  - Aberdeenshire (AVA & NESCAN Hub)
  - Moray (**tsiMORAY** & Money4Moray)
- **Who:** Community Groups & Non Profit
- **How Much:** up to £50,000
- **How Many:** 1 application per group/  
organisation

# Green PB – What is Covered?



**Capital only – no staff  
or running costs**



**Equipment, land and  
buildings**



**Examples:**

Bikes, repair stations, bike parking, electric charge points, electric minibus

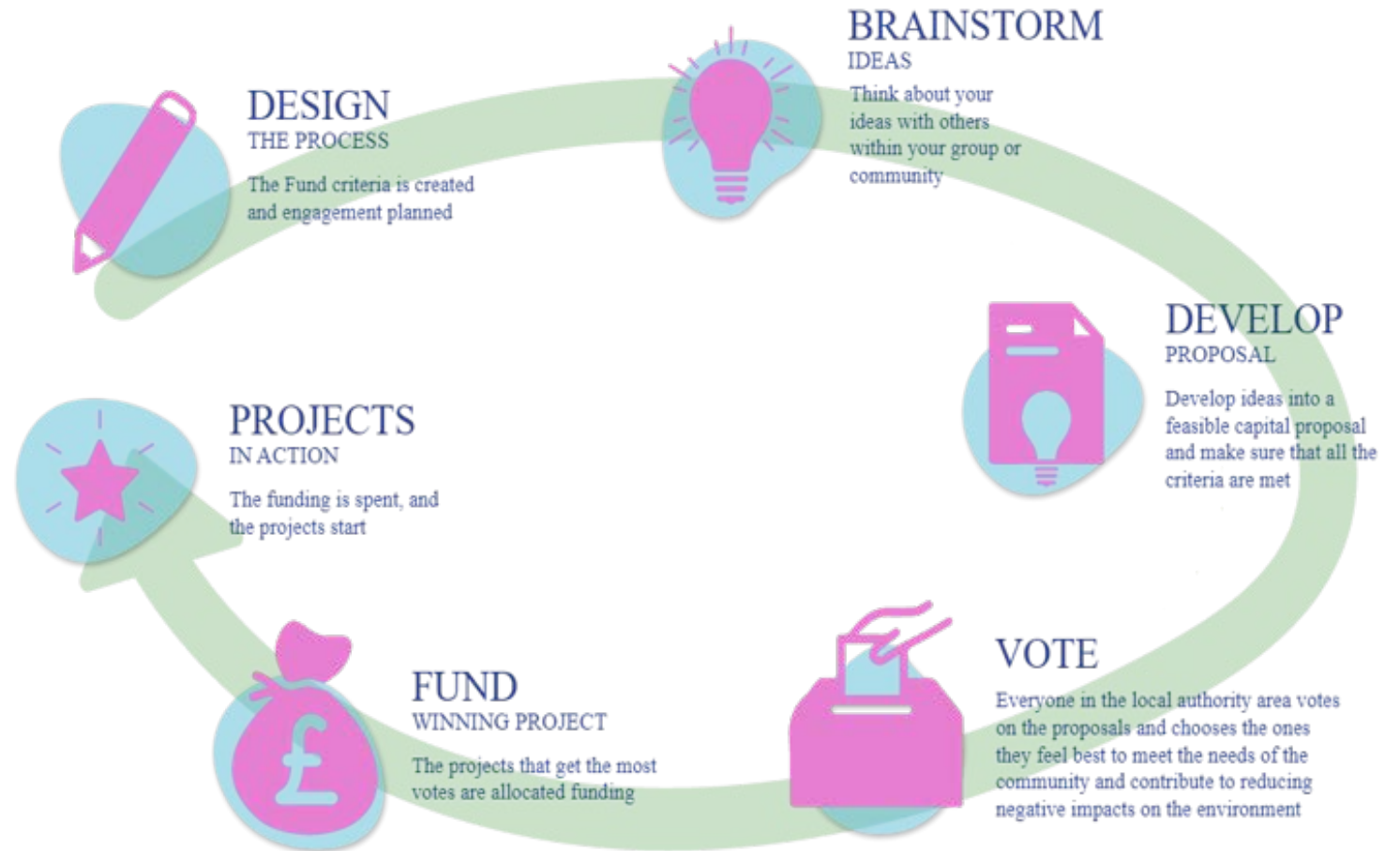
Gardening equipment, food storage, libraries of everything.....



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# Green PB Process



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# Applications closed on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Aberdeen City: Area 70 sq miles;

Population 227,560; density 1164/km<sup>2</sup>

- 39 Funding Applications
- Totalling £1,057,131

Aberdeenshire: Area 2439 sq miles;

Population 261,210; density 36/km<sup>2</sup>

- 54+ Funding Applications
- Totalling £1,048,000 +

Moray: Area 864 sq miles;

Population 95,820; density 39/km<sup>2</sup>

- 34 Funding Applications
- Totalling £989,382



# NE Scotland Green PB

## Summary of Learning

- **Time and Timing!**
- **Partnership agreement**
- **Communication**
  - Internal & partnership
  - Clarity of message – marketing, publicity, engagement
- **Something new!** – (in)experience and new project
- **Partner capacities & restrictions**
- **Promotion** – illustration and case studies – help understanding
- **Engagements** – both online and in person
- **Targets, KPIs, MEL**





# Moving Forward: Recommendations, Considerations, Hopes and Expectations

**2022 PROCESS AS A BASELINE**

**COMMON UNDERSTANDING AMONG PARTNERS**

**PUBLIC** – ENGAGE, INFORM and REASSURE

**MIXED ENGAGEMENT METHODS**

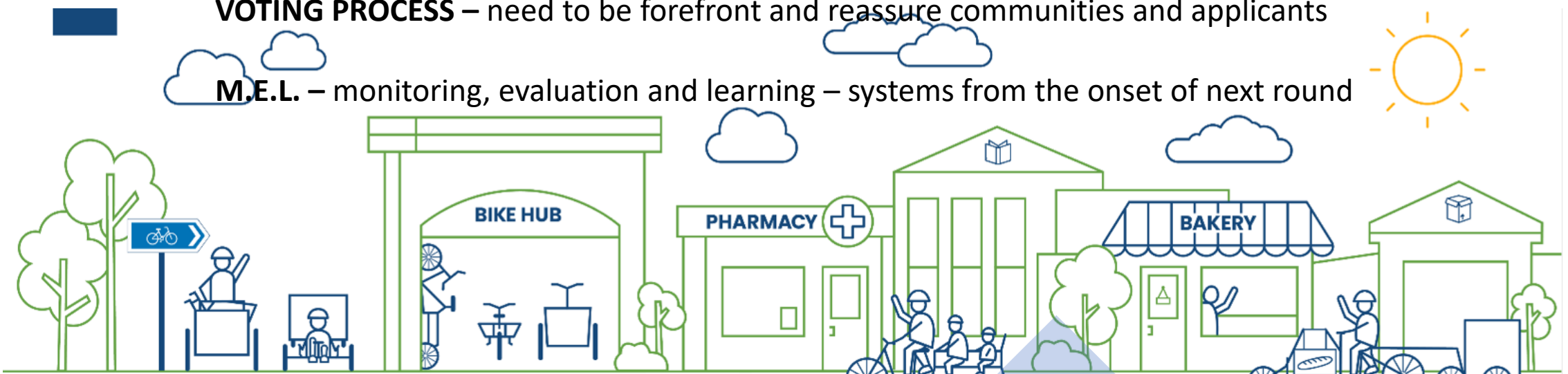
- Including: advertising as early as possible

**LEAD & CLARITY** – among partners

**APPLICATION PROCESS** – be clear and the same (as much as possible)

**VOTING PROCESS** – need to be forefront and reassure communities and applicants

**M.E.L.** – monitoring, evaluation and learning – systems from the onset of next round



Thanks for listening.

Green PB:  
Partnership  
delivery.

Come and talk to us  
😊



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# Local Benefits of Green PB

Done well, PB helps to:

- Build strong relationships locally
- Create opportunities for groups and applicants to learn more about each other
- Invest money directly into communities and groups
- Raise climate awareness
- Reduce impact of climate change
- Reduce carbon emissions and increase co-benefits – happier, healthier, sustainable



# PB Priorities

- Climate justice
- Public Sector collaboration with communities
- Transport-based outcomes
- Health and wellbeing-based outcomes
- Engagement of young people
- Engagement in education settings
- Alleviating child poverty and inequality-based outcomes
- Housing-based outcome
- Homelessness-based outcomes



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# What is Just Transition?

**DEFINITION:** A just transition is both the **outcome** – a fairer, greener future for all, and the **process** - must be undertaken in partnership with those impacted by the transition to net zero

It is **how** we get to a **net zero and climate resilient economy** in a way that **delivers fairness** and tackles inequality and injustice.

## A just transition:

- Unites economic, social and climate objectives
- Aims to empower all to play a part in the transition to net zero
- Ensures those most impacted are at the heart of the conversation
- Accounts for differing risks and opportunities



# Net Zero? Just Transition?

- Net Zero - the amount of carbon pushed out = amount sucked in
- Just Transition - a process that gets us to net zero in a way that is managed and fair
- Scotland has a net zero target by 2045 (5% reduction in emissions by 2030) but we all need to play our part to achieve that



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