

**NATIONAL
INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMISSION**

The UK's National Infrastructure Commission
August 2018

What was the problem?

The Armitt Review

An independent review of long term infrastructure planning commissioned for Labour's Policy Review

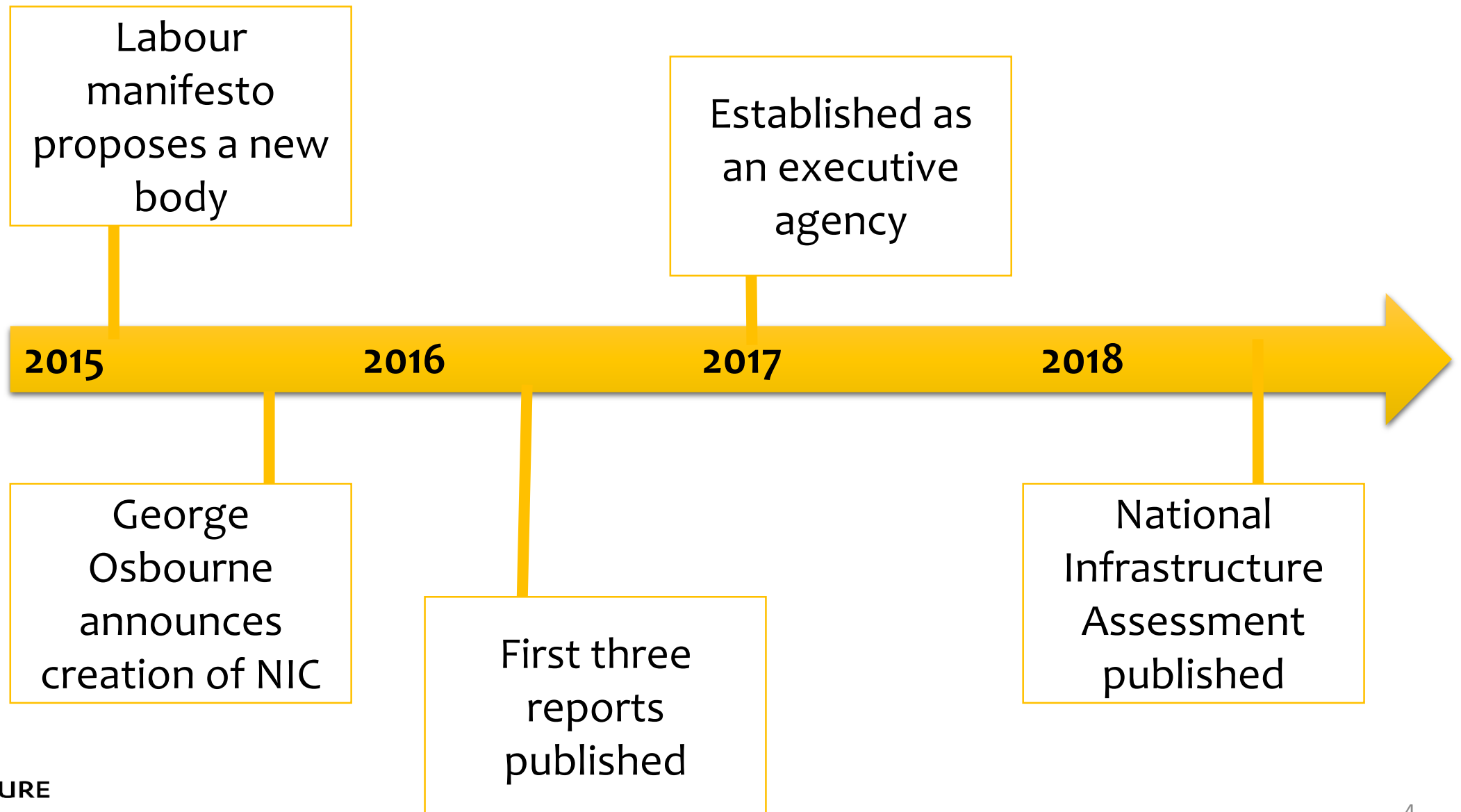
*“There is growing evidence that the UK’s infrastructure has **not been renewed or enhanced** when needed... successive Governments have **failed to set strategic priorities for infrastructure** based on clear projections of future needs.”*

What was the problem?

*“After years of **inadequate investment** in skills, infrastructure and innovation, there are longstanding structural weaknesses in the economy, all rooted in a **failure to achieve stable planning**, strategic vision and a political consensus on the right policy framework to support growth.”*



Key milestones for the Commission



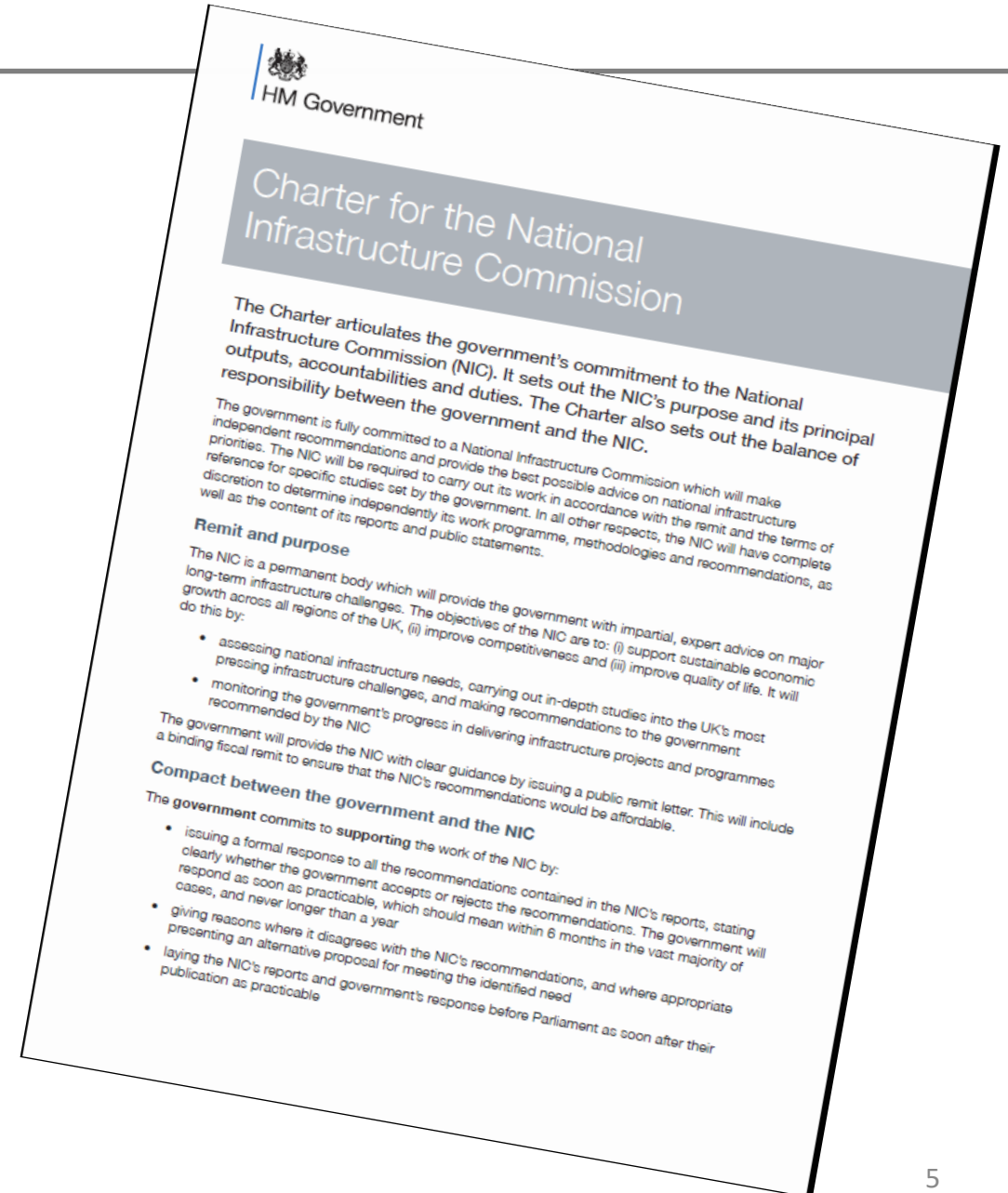
Where did we end up?

Pros

- Independence
- Quick and easy process

Cons

- More fragile
- No legal requirements on decision makers



The Commissioners



Sir John Armitt CBE

Chair



Dame Kate Barker DBE

Commissioner



**Professor Sir Tim Besley
CBE**

Commissioner



Professor David Fisk CB

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Andy Green

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Professor Sadie Morgan

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Bridget Rosewell OBE

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How do we work?

Three objectives:

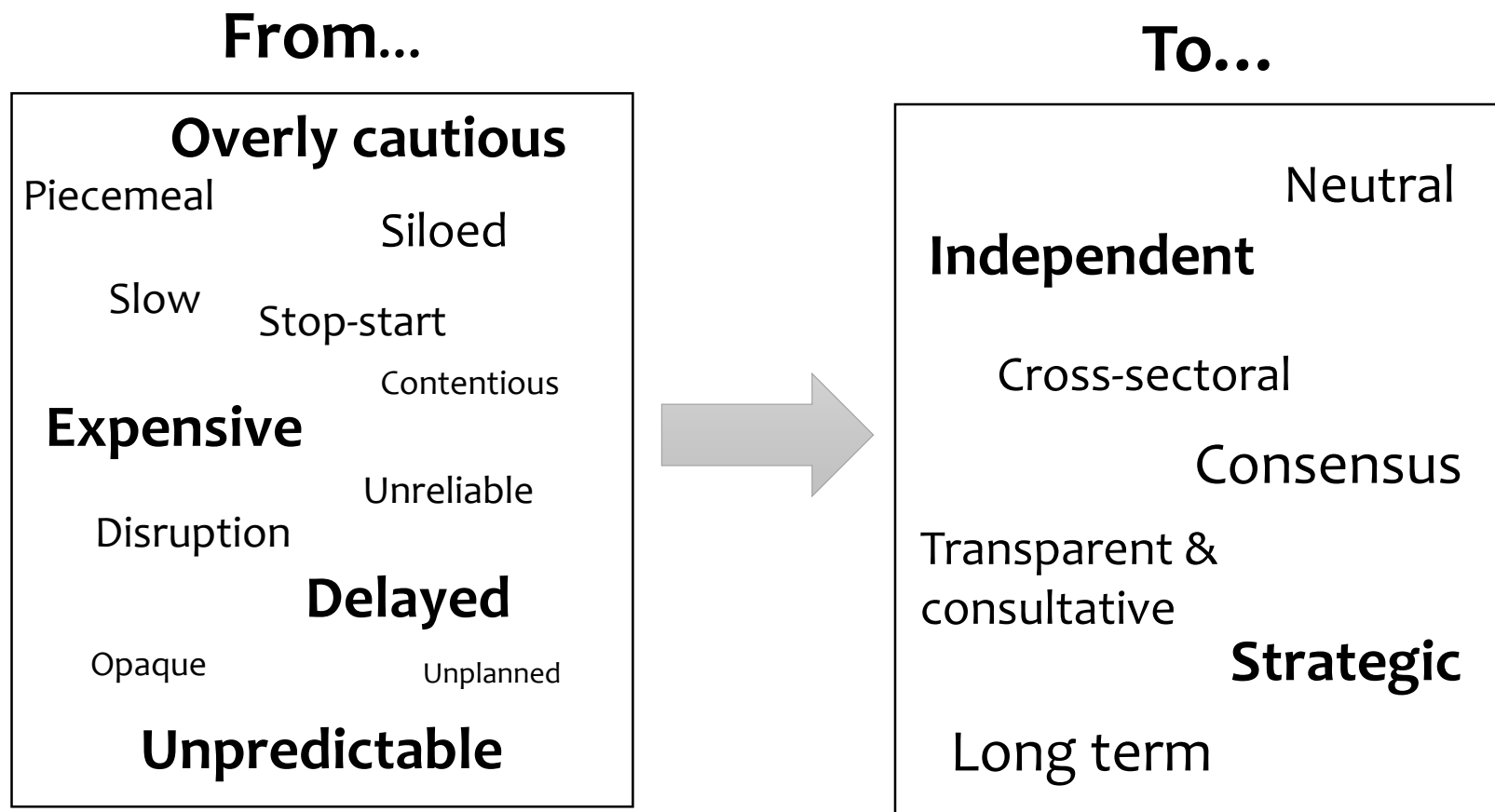
- To support sustainable economic growth across all regions of the UK
- To improve competitiveness
- To improve quality of life

Three parts to our role:

- National Infrastructure Assessment
- Studies
- Annual Monitoring Report



The Commission is a catalyst for a different approach



The UK has a separate body for infrastructure delivery



Infrastructure and Projects Authority

- Sits within Government
- Covers both social and economic infrastructure
- Responsible for the overall project delivery system
 - Building delivery capability
 - Supporting private investment
 - Setting up projects for success
 - Measuring and improving performance

The Commission established its credibility through studies



The Commission's recommendations have led to action

- The establishment of proper cross-Government working on housing and transport
- The setup of a new Digital Task Force
- Development funding released for rail schemes and to accelerate delivery of smart motorways
- Government plan for removing barriers to smart technologies across energy system



The UK's first National Infrastructure Assessment



- The Commission's plan of action for the UK's infrastructure over the next 10-30 years
- Underpinned by a programme of research and modelling
- Prioritisation across all sectors
- Fully costed
- Government expected to respond over the next 12 months

What does the National Infrastructure Assessment say?

The recommendations include:

- Nationwide full fibre broadband by 2033
- Half of the UK's power provided by renewables by 2030
- Three quarters of plastic packaging recycled by 2030
- £43 billion of stable long term transport funding for regional cities
- Preparing for 100 per cent electric vehicle sales by 2030
- Ensuring resilience to extreme drought
- A national standard of flood resilience for all communities by 2050

Putting the Assessment together

- There was no blueprint
- The potential scope was vast
- Timelines were relatively short
- Commissioners came from a range of backgrounds
- The Secretariat had to build capacity in parallel
- Invaluable support from stakeholders



Our work does not stop here

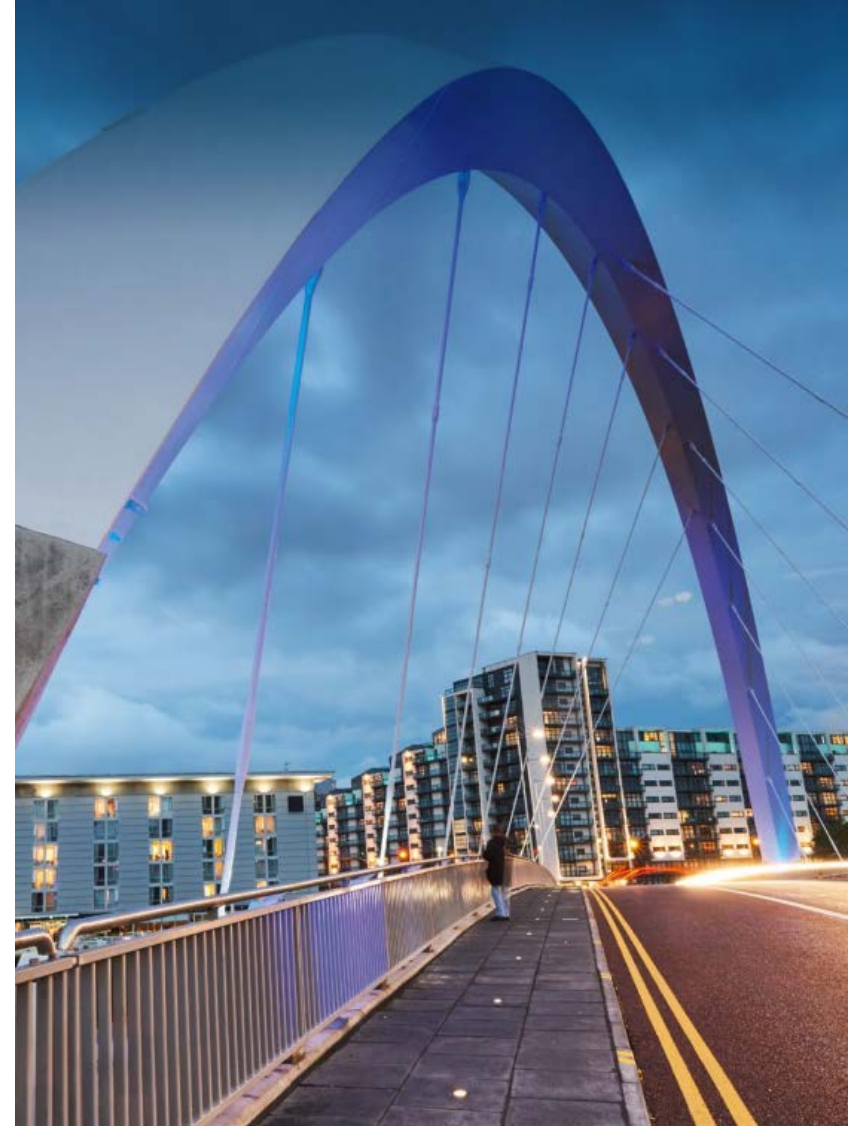


Over the coming months and years, the Commission will:

- Seek consensus on its recommendations
- Work with government to establish its recommendations as government policy
- Monitor the implementation of the recommendations
- Carry out further work, including housing, design and economic regulation
- Begin work on the second National Infrastructure Assessment

Reflections on the first three years

- The creation of the Commission was well-received
- Setup still to be proven in the long term
- The Commission's independence is key
- The UK is better placed to make the right decisions on infrastructure



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