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Making More of Scotland's Land

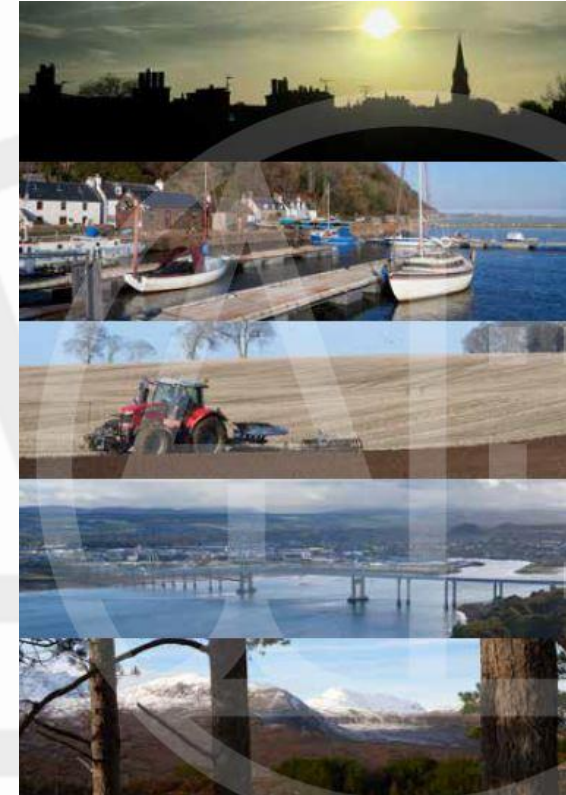
Community Land Scotland Conference
30th May 2017
Andrew Thin



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Context

- Our land is a huge and diverse national asset
- Could our land deliver more for our country?
- Could our land benefit more of us?
- Is further land reform needed for this to happen?
- Looking at both urban and rural land





Recent History

- Law and policy continuously evolving
- Some argue not always fast enough
- 1999 and creation of Scottish Parliament brought fresh energy to reform
- New legislation and policy early 2000s
- Significant change on the ground as a result
- LRRG and AHLRG in 2014
- Recommended single statutory body



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Creation of the Commission

- Established 1st April 2017
- 5 LCs and 1 TFC – single integrated board
- Flexible functions and powers
- “Arms length” from government
- This will be an establishment year



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The Commissioners

- Megan Macinnes
- David Adams
- Andrew Thin
- Bob McIntosh (TFC)
- Sally Reynolds
- Lorne Macleod





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Land Commissioner Functions

- To review the impact and effectiveness of any law or policy
- To recommend changes to any law or policy
- To gather evidence
- To carry out research
- To prepare reports
- To provide information and guidance



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TFC Functions

(to be reviewed after 3 years)

- To prepare and promote codes of practice
- To investigate alleged breaches of the codes
- To review the operation of agents
- To recommend a modern list of improvements
- To refer for the opinion of the Land Court any question of law
- Must encourage good relations between landlords and tenants



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Commission Functions

- To support the Land Commissioners and Tenant Farming Commissioner in performing their functions
- Must publish Strategic Plan and Programme of Work



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Long Term Objectives from Government

- Focus on productivity and benefit for all
- More diverse/disaggregated ownership
- Flourishing and engaged communities
- Disputes minimised
- Emphasis on both urban and rural



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Interim Plan 2017/18

- Establishing the Commission
- Strategic Plan
- Programme of Work
- Initial research
- Masses of external engagement





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Strategic Plan 2018/21

Aims/Outcomes

- Productive
- Inclusive
- Empowered
- Accountable
- Diverse





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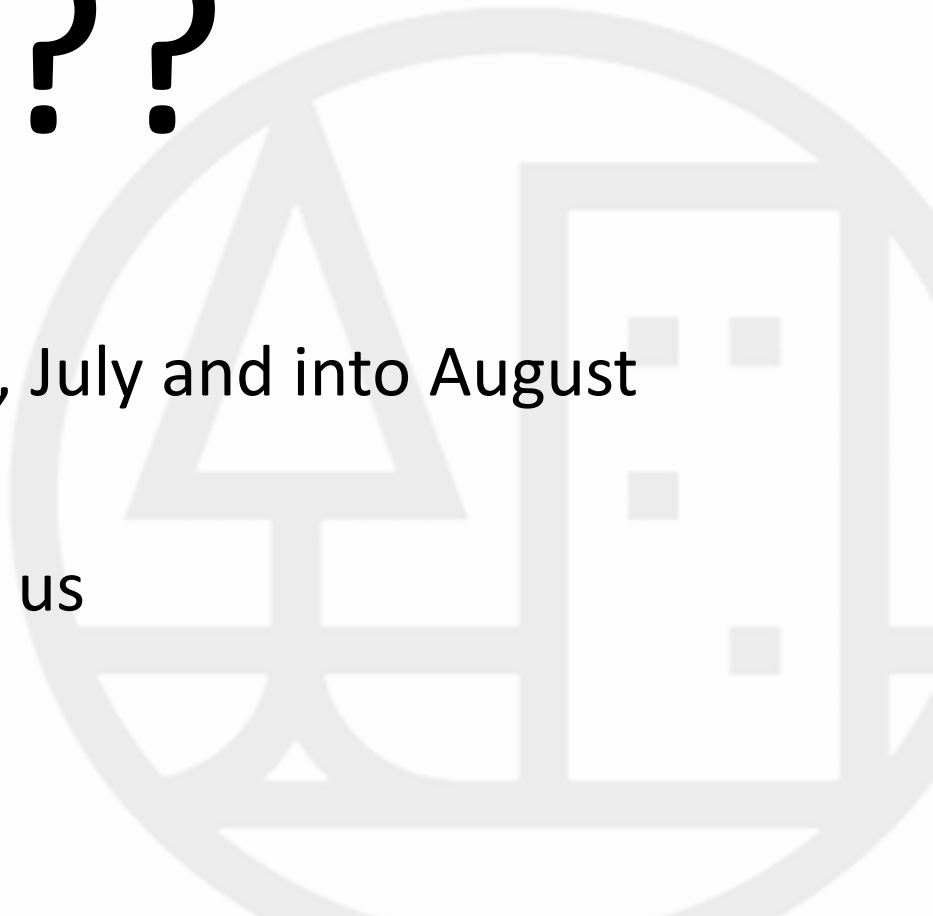
Strategic Plan 2018/21

Objectives

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Working on this through June, July and into August

Please help us





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Next Steps

- Submit Strategic Plan and Programme of Work to Ministers by end September
- Ongoing dialogue with stakeholders and with government
- Recruiting staff
- Financial resilience
- Establishing organisational culture



Looking Forward

- Very early days for the Commission
- Looking for serious, intelligent, well thought through input ... please ...
- Not about polemic, dogma or prejudice
- Central purpose to make more of Scotland's land for the benefit of all



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