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# NSTA's role and focus areas

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## Regulating to deliver decommissioning

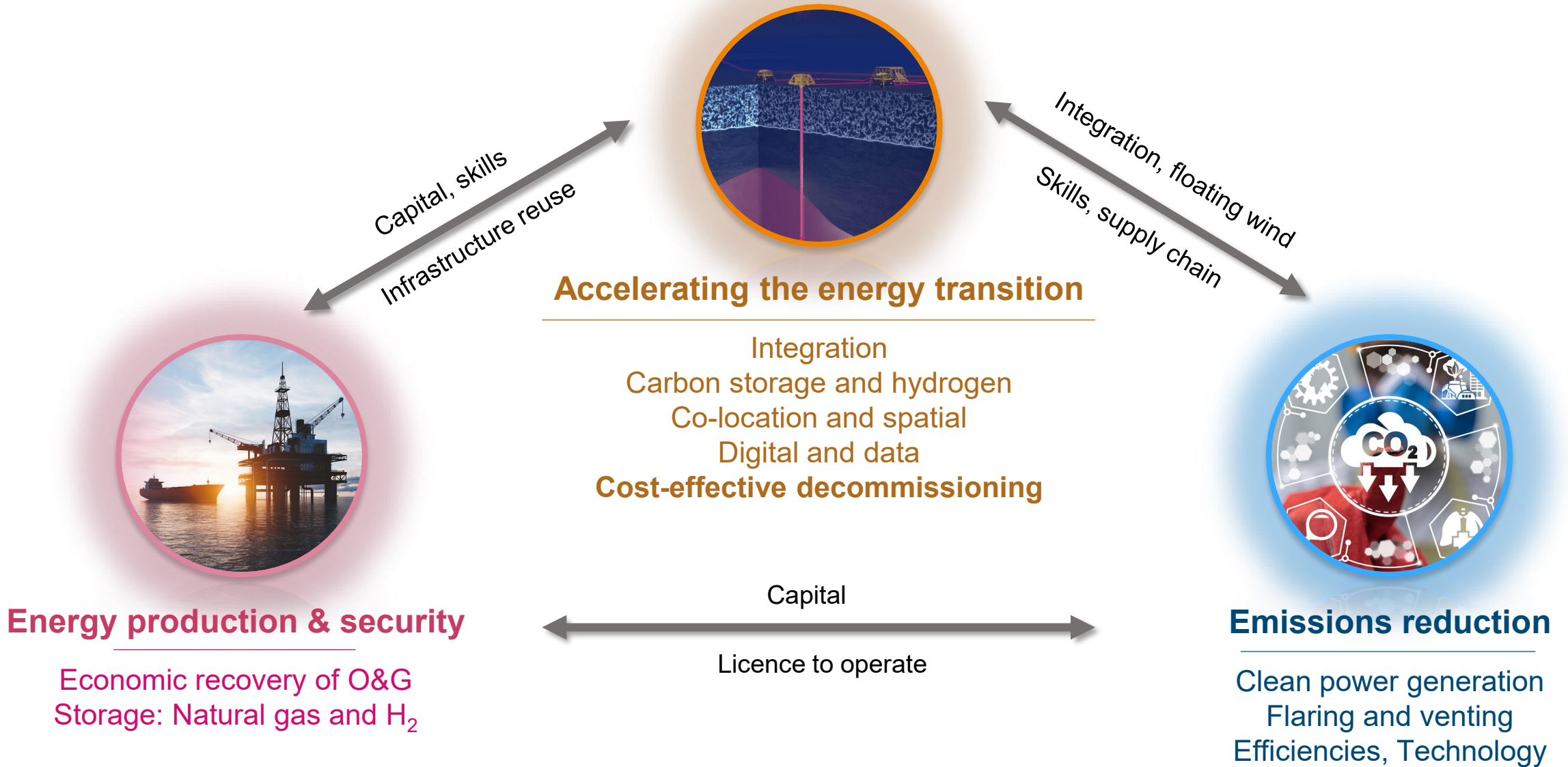
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## NSTA's Strategic Focus Areas



Planning for  
Decommissioning



Commercial  
Transformation



Supporting  
the Energy  
Transition



Technology,  
Processes &  
Guidance

## Decom Stewardship – Industry Engagement



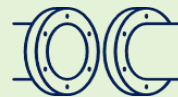
Using **data, guidance and legislation** to inform, influence and regulate **decommissioning**



*Progressed in parallel for effective planning and execution*



**Assessing, screening and communicating** opportunities for **reuse and repurposing**



Appraise phase

Assess phase

Define phase

Execute phase

≥6 yrs to 3 yrs before CoP  
≥3 yrs before CoP  
Post CoP



*Tools for industry activity and data visibility, to support effective planning and aid with delivery.*



**Data Visibility Dashboard**



**Decom Glidepath (SE10)**



**Decom Cost Report**



**Benchmarking Report**



**SCAPs**



**Energy Pathfinder**



**TWIST**

**NEW**



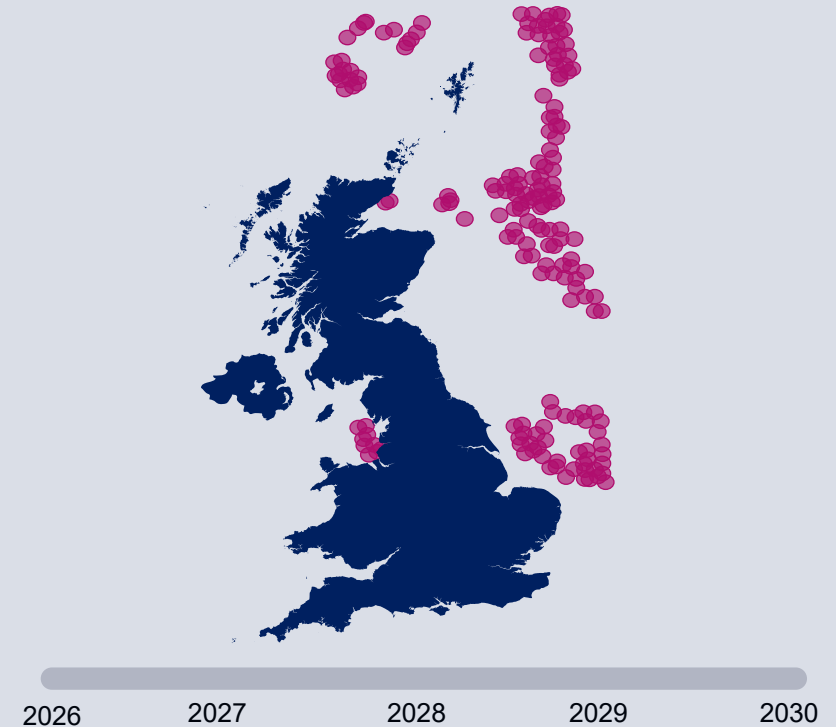
**Well P&A Area Plan**

**NEW**

## TWIST



## Developing P&A Area Plan



Engaging with operators to review P&A plans and drive improved cost performance



Identifying campaign and collaboration opportunities and sharing best practice



Engaging with the supply chain and understanding their needs and challenges



Managing well abandonment licence obligations (WONS consents) and dates

# The Current Landscape....

## Delivering the commitment



>1,500

wells to be decom'd  
before 2030



£10bn

Forecast well decom  
spend by early 2030s



2-5yrs

Post CoP window for  
WONS compliance

## Ongoing challenges



**Licenses & Consents:**  
Legal & Contractual  
Challenges



**Supply Chain:**  
Global demand & lack  
of UKCS certainty

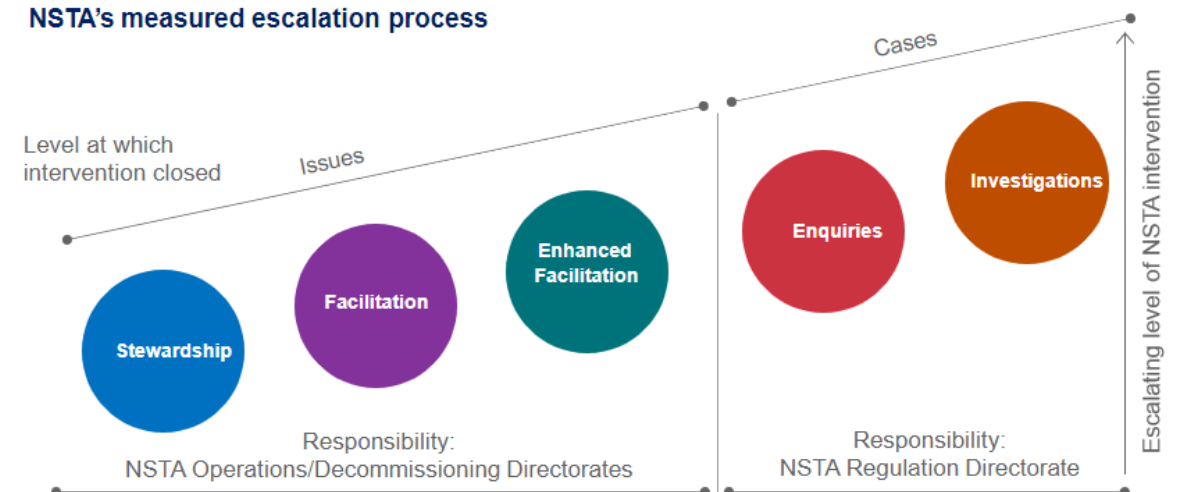


**Funding Priorities:**  
Inflation impacting  
budgets/spend

## Performance & Accountability

- Developing tools and publishing key data
- Stewarding to agreed plans and milestones
- Using sanction process & regulatory powers
- Aligning with other regulators on legislation
- Making operator performance more visible

### NSTA's measured escalation process





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# Thank you

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