

LABSS OPTIONS APPRAISAL OF FUTURE BUILDING STANDARDS DELIVERY MODELS

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LABSS OPTIONS APPRAISAL OF FUTURE BUILDING STANDARDS DELIVERY MODELS - BACKGROUND

THE CHALLENGES TO CHANGE

Political Resistance to change – LAs

Legislative challenges caused by change

Expectations of government as set out in the performance, operational and professional frameworks.

Challenging financial outlook faced by LAs



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SUPPORT FOR CHANGE predicated on:

Political Support

Financial Support

AIMS

Must be to strengthen to capture capacity and resilience
as we move forward



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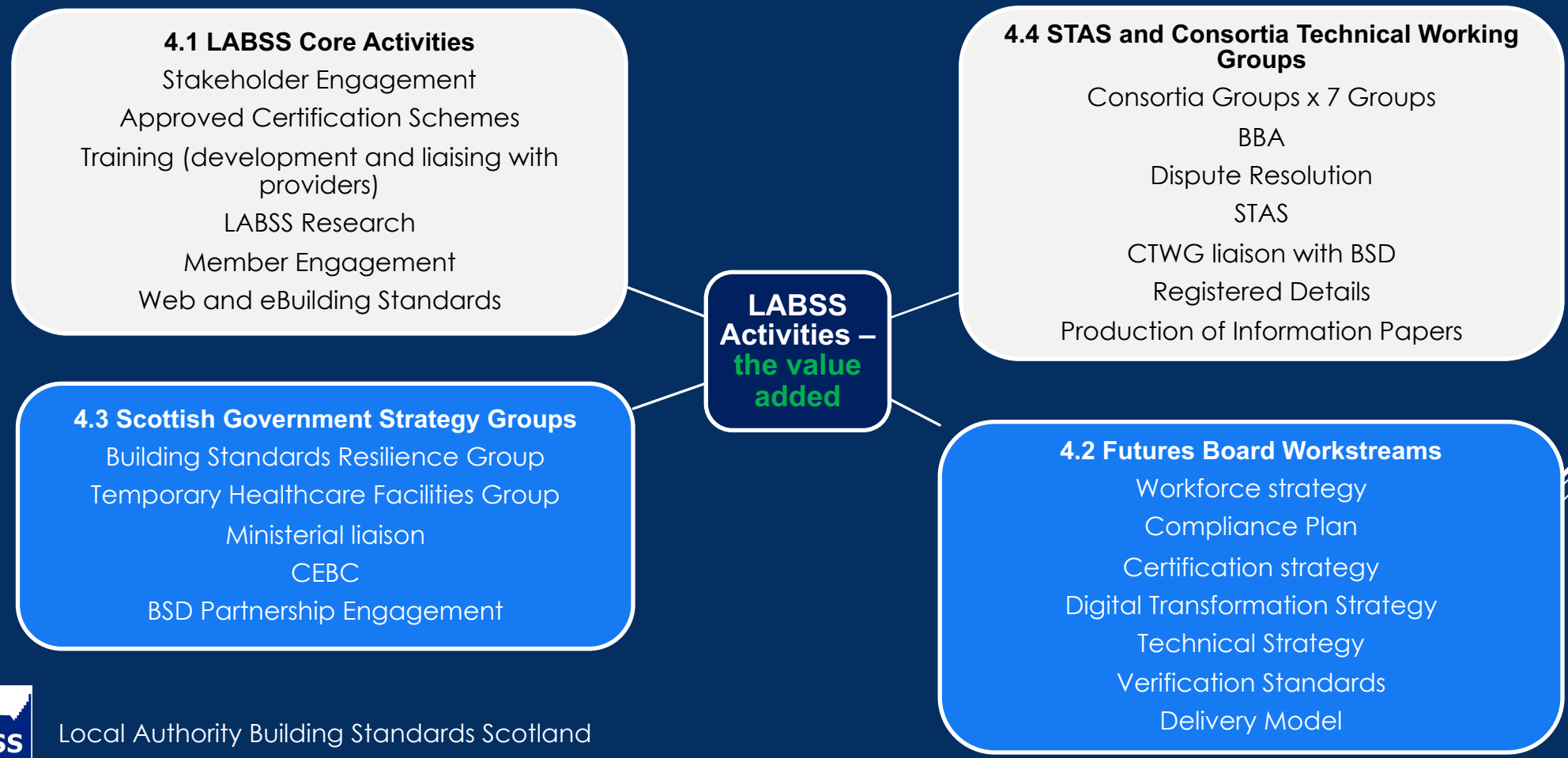
CAPACITY - Age profile – is recruitment keeping up with those leaving the service?

PARTNERSHIPS – Current research indicates that the work of LABSS contributes significantly to the work of BSD

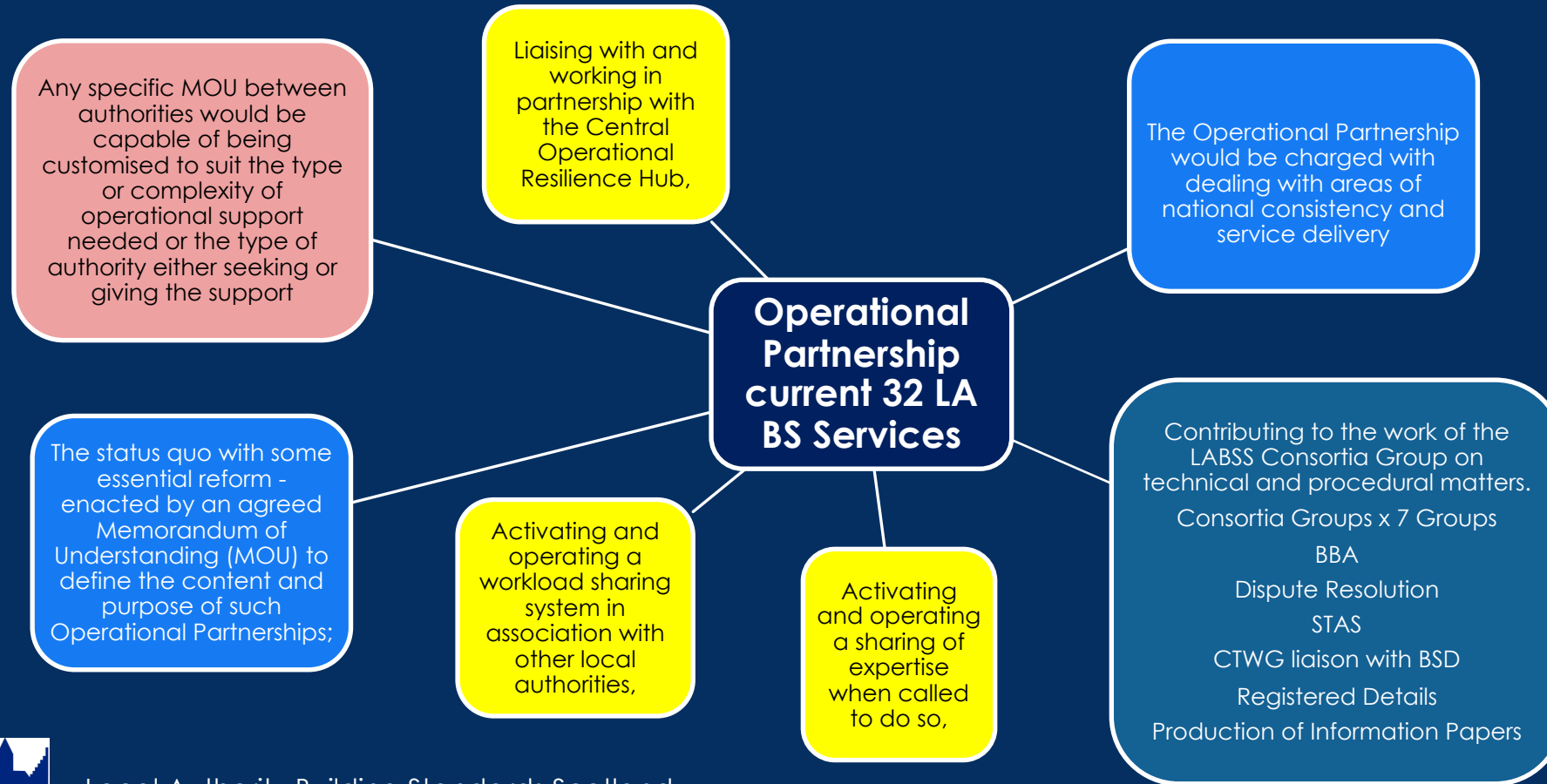
RESILIENCE – If LABSS loses resilience it can be argued that the BSD and, indeed, the LAs lose resilience



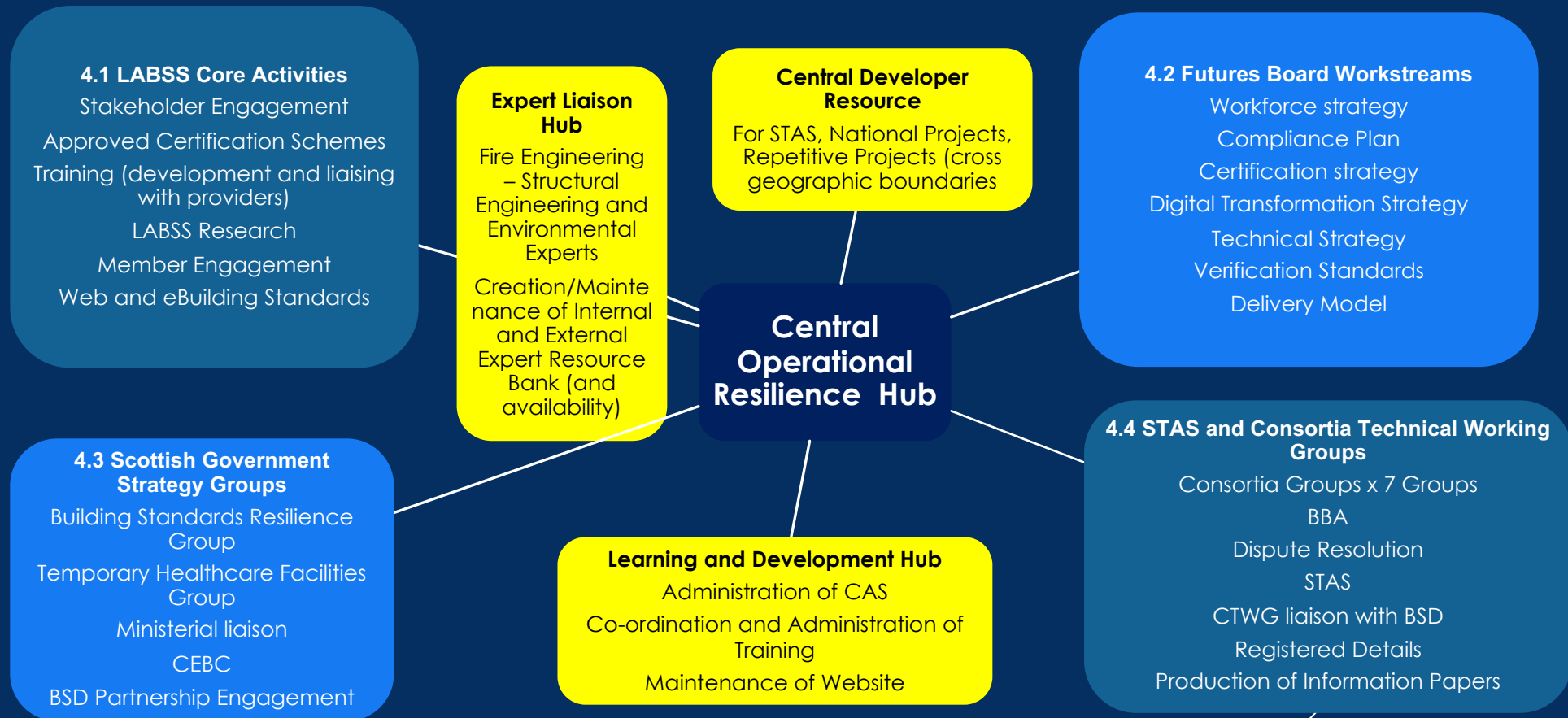
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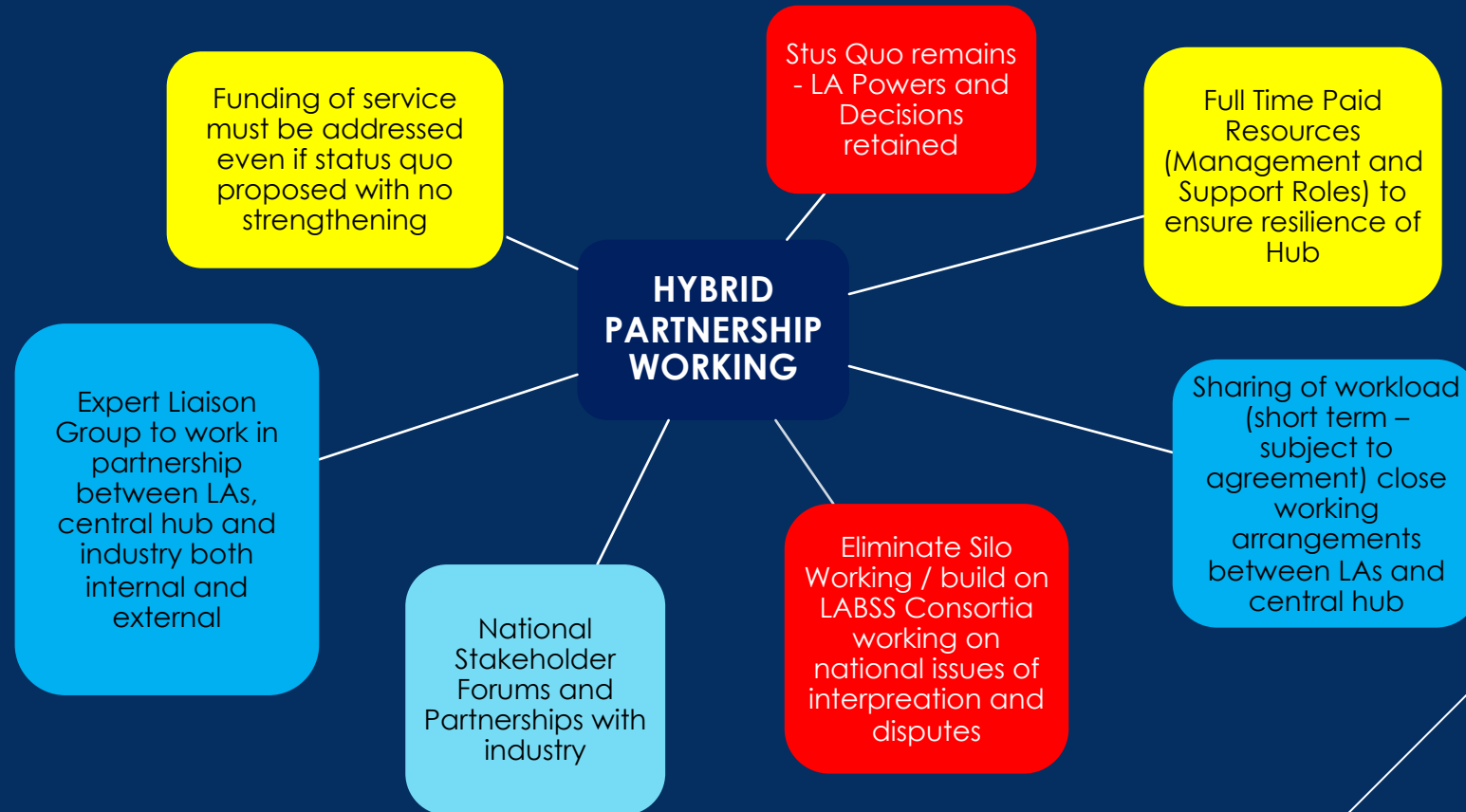
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BENEFITS OF STAS

Efficiency of warrant process

FRAGILITY OF / RISK TO STAS

Non-sustainable funding model

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAS

Incorporation within Central Operational Resilience Hub –
dedicated team

DEVELOPER BENEFITS

Single point of contact

VERIFIER BENEFITS

Frees up resources within local authority services



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LABSS OPTIONS APPRAISAL OF FUTURE BUILDING STANDARDS DELIVERY – CENTRE OF EXPERTISE (HUB)

PROVISION OF EXPERTISE – well documented in other research –
Meacham; Shared Services Etc

Fire

Structures - certification

Energy use – certification

Other – see next slide



LABSS OPTIONS APPRAISAL OF FUTURE BUILDING STANDARDS DELIVERY – CENTRE OF EXPERTISE (HUB) – CURRENT EMBEDDED MODEL – LABSS CONSORTIA TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (CTWG)

EVIDENCE OF GOOD PRACTICE

Determination of disputes from both customers and verifiers

SHARING OF KNOWLEDE

Production of Information Papers

WORKING WITH BSD

Alternative approach to guidance determinations

WORKING WITH SFRS

Fire related innovation assessments and decisions

INVOLVEMENT OF LAs

7 LA Consortia Groups reporting to CTWG



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LABSS OPTIONS APPRAISAL OF FUTURE BUILDING STANDARDS DELIVERY – LABSS BEST FIT

STRENGTH OF LABSS –

Best Fit given current remit to strengthen national service

RESEARCH

BSD – Contribution to service nationally

BSD – Shared Services

LABSS – Resilience of LABSS

EXISTING EMBEDDED PROCESSES

STAS; CTWG; Website; Arbiter; Advice Determinations and Guidance

FUTURE ASPIRATIONS /CHALLENGES

Ready made pool of knowledge expertise and operation within Building standards

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LABSS OPTIONS APPRAISAL OF FUTURE BUILDING STANDARDS DELIVERY – CAPACITY AND RESILIENCE

COSLA

Recognition of capacity and resilience issues within LAs and LABSS
– previous evidence – LABSS Research

SG / BSD

Recognition of same

FUNDING & RESOURCES

Accept ring fencing not an option but

INFLUENCE AND PROJECTION

Message is being lost – how do we and you as a service address this



LABSS OPTIONS APPRAISAL OF FUTURE BUILDING STANDARDS DELIVERY – RECOGNITION OF LABSS

Government recognition of the contribution LABSS

Evidence based following research and studies over past 3-5 years

Assess and build a platform of shared expertise and shared workload within local authorities

Proposed Operational Partnership

Consider the implications on LABSS resilience and capacity

Understand the risks even for the status quo or for a revised service delivery model nationally



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Research the framework needed to address the resilience and capacity of LABSS

Consider the affects on BSD

Consider the influence of CoSLA

Assess the local authority ability to contribute to these resilience and capacity needs.

Carry out further investigations into similar models of delivery

Trading Standards Scotland; LABC

Carry out further expert investigations into funding needs

To secure the capacity and resilience which is required to maintain an sustainable building standards service in Scotland.



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Through the Scottish Governments Futures Board, it is recognised that the existing delivery model needs strengthening

LABSS urges that there is an acknowledgement of

- ▶ *the added value and significant contribution LABSS currently makes to the Building Standards system in Scotland, and*
- ▶ *how LABSS is a best fit to fulfil the role of a Central Hub in the future by coordinating a sustainable, national resilience framework which underpins the foundations of the Building Scotland Act itself of independence; competence and accountability within the role of Verification.*

BEST FIT OPTION TO BUILD AND STRENGTHEN



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