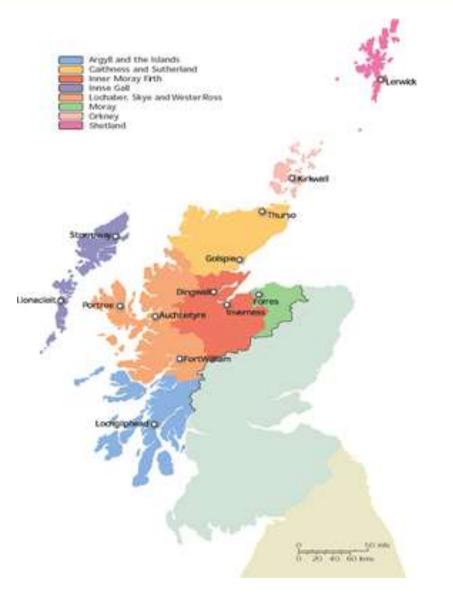
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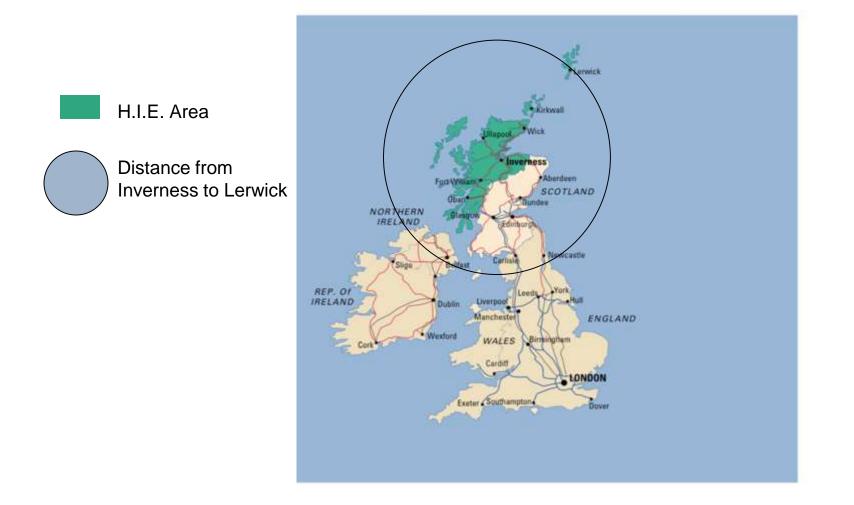
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# **Growth Sectors**



### **Creative industries**

### Energy

Financial and business services

Food and drink

Life sciences

Sustainable tourism

Universities



# A brief history



HIDB established 1965

**Regional focus** 

Social remit

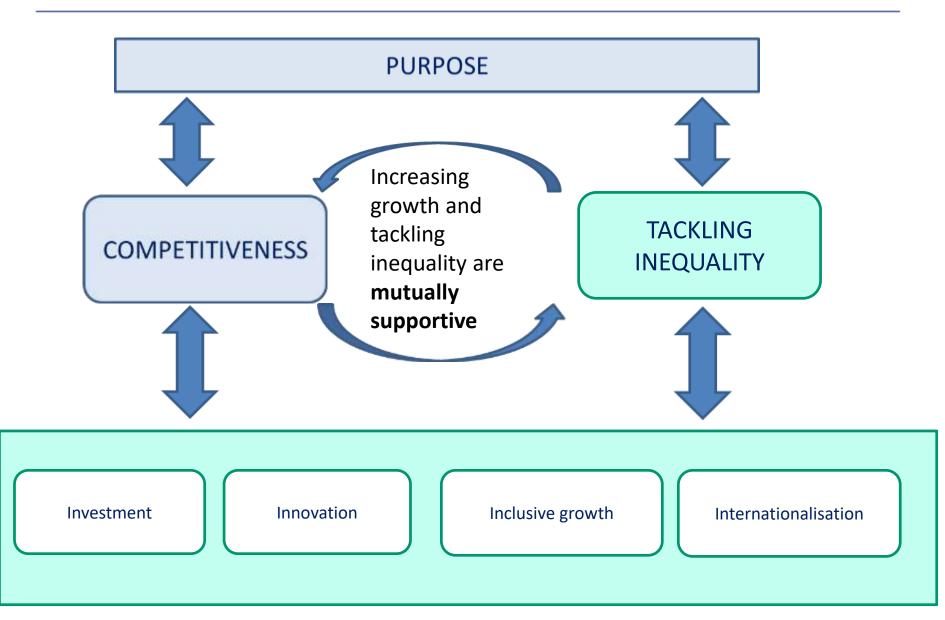
HIE established 1991

Integrated, holistic approach



# Scotland's Economic Strategy







#### Our purpose

to generate sustainable and inclusive economic growth across the Highlands and Islands

### **Our vision**

For the Highlands and Islands to be a highly successful and competitive region in which increasing numbers of people choose to live, work, study and invest.

### **Our priorities**

- Supporting businesses and social enterprises to shape and realise their growth aspirations
- Strengthening communities and fragile areas
- Developing growth sectors, particularly distinctive regional opportunities
- Creating the conditions for a competitive and low-carbon region

# **Highlands and Islands Enterprise**



- Core budget c£63m in 2017/18
- Further funding for specific projects
- 300 staff, based around the region
- A collaborative agency
- A voice for our region

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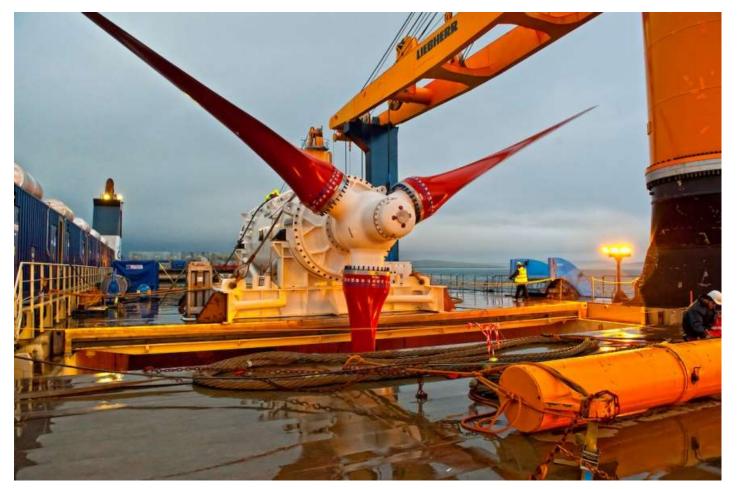


# BASF PHARMA (CALLANISH) LTD Isle of Lewis





# RENEWABLE ENERGY European Marine Energy Centre, Orkney





## DIGITAL HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS Superfast broadband





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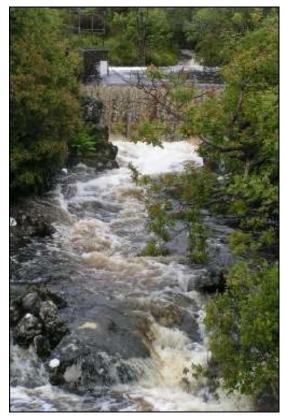
## Board Members of Strontian Community School Building Ltd at the school site





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