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The Agricultural Transition Period

An overview of changes to English agricultural policy
2021-2027

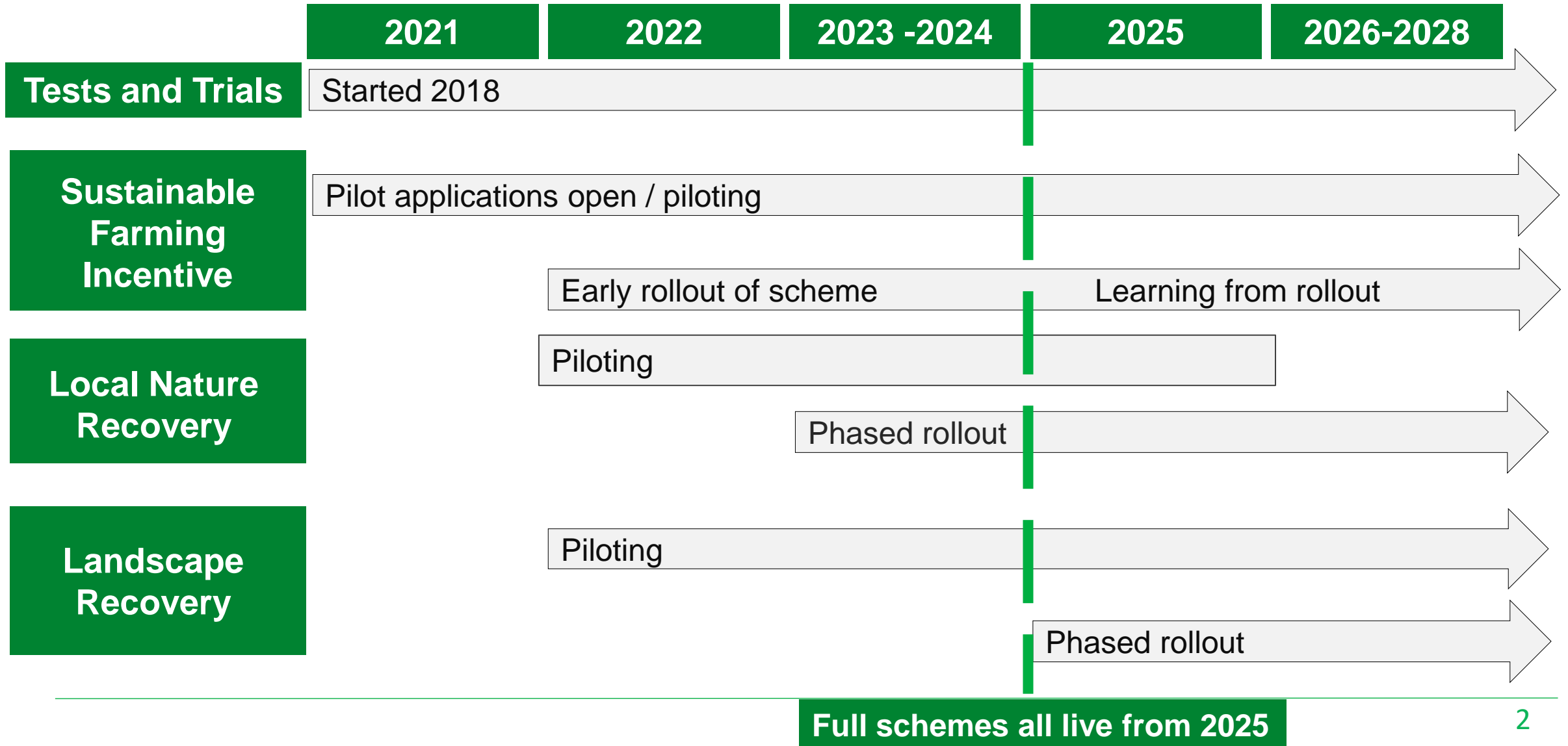


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The three environmental land management schemes



Changes to Direct Payments – delinked and lump sum payments

We plan to ‘delink’ payments – we will remove the requirement to farm the land.

We plan to delink payments in 2024.

Looking to offer a one-off lump exit scheme.

We have consulted industry on the details of delinking and lump sum payments and will publish a response soon.

Sustainable Farming Incentive

Aimed at farmers, paying for actions that relate to farming activities.

Successful when we can see:

- 70% of farms and farmland in the scheme by 2028
 - farmers increasing their coverage and levels of ambition over time
 - evidence of our ambitious outcomes
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- Only open to farmers who are eligible for the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS)
 - Agreement holders must have management control of the land for the duration of their 3-year agreement
 - Choose how many fields to enter into the scheme standards
 - Land must be in England and cross-border land parcels will not be eligible



How this works with Countryside Stewardship

- 3-years agreements offer greater flexibility
- Land can be in both schemes - as long as the actions are not contradictory, and no double payment
- It is about what works best for the farmer and their particular circumstances
- CS 2023 offer to open in February 2022.



Local Nature Recovery

Taking the best of Countryside Stewardship, and adding more elements.



- Open to farmers, foresters and other land managers.
- Open to farmers in SFI.
- Accessible to tenant farmers and those farming common land.
- Flexible, multi-year agreements.
- Mostly individual agreements but supporting collaboration.
- More supportive and less punitive approach to checking compliance.
- Testing this year, then early version available to limited number of people in 2023, with full rollout in 2024

Landscape Recovery

Aimed at landowners and managers who want to take a more radical and large-scale approach to producing environmental and climate goods on their land.

Initial focus on biodiversity, water quality and net zero.

Open to any individuals or groups who want to deliver 500 – 5000ha scale projects.

We will confirm the chosen first round pilot projects in summer 2022. There will be a 16 week application period.



First round focused on:

- recovering and restoring England's threatened native species
- restoring England's streams and rivers

Second round planned for next year.

Additional new schemes

- Farming Investment Fund
- Future Farming Resilience Fund
- Farming Innovation Programme
- Farming in Protected Landscapes
- Tree Health Scheme
- **Animal Health and Welfare Pathway**





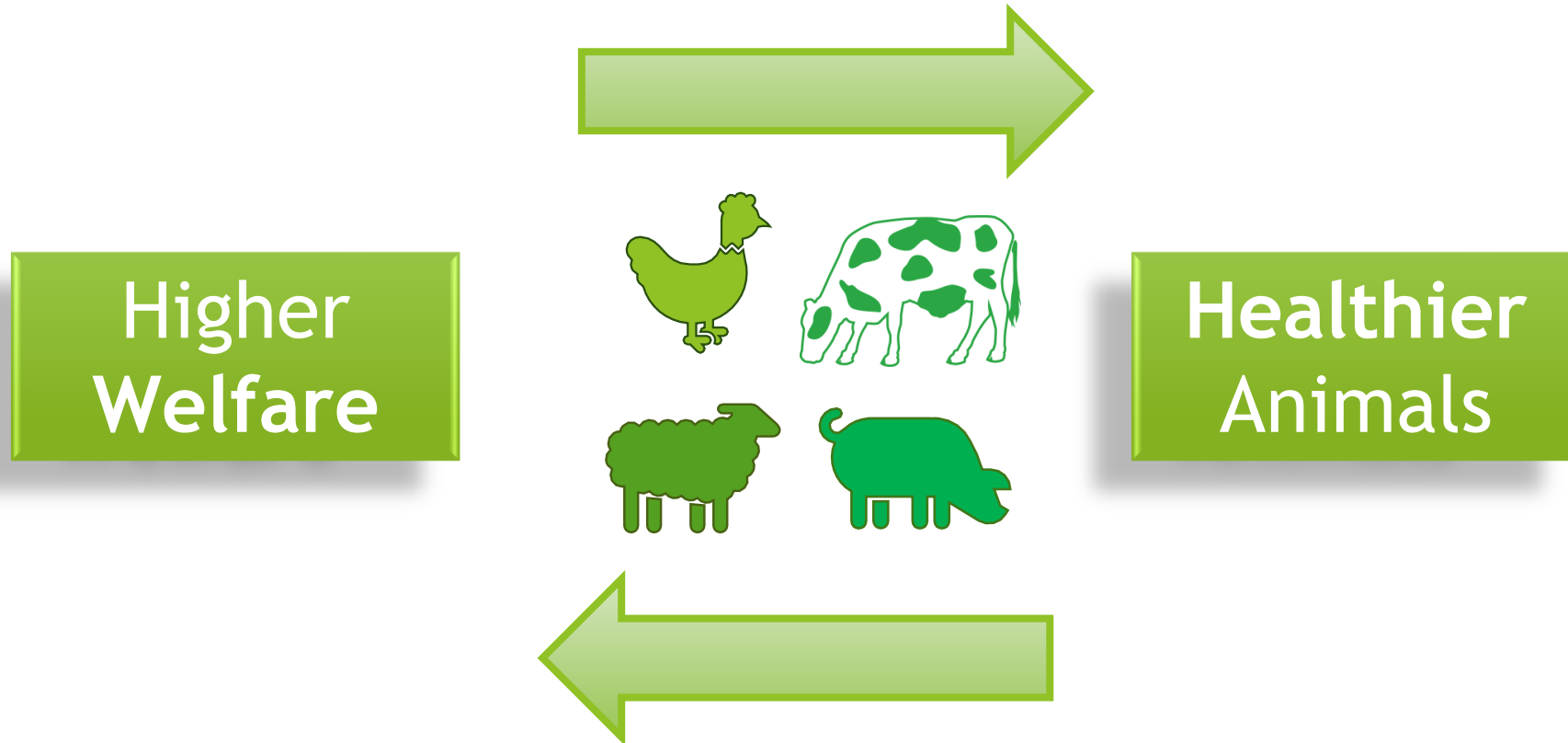
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The Animal Health and Welfare Pathway: An Overview

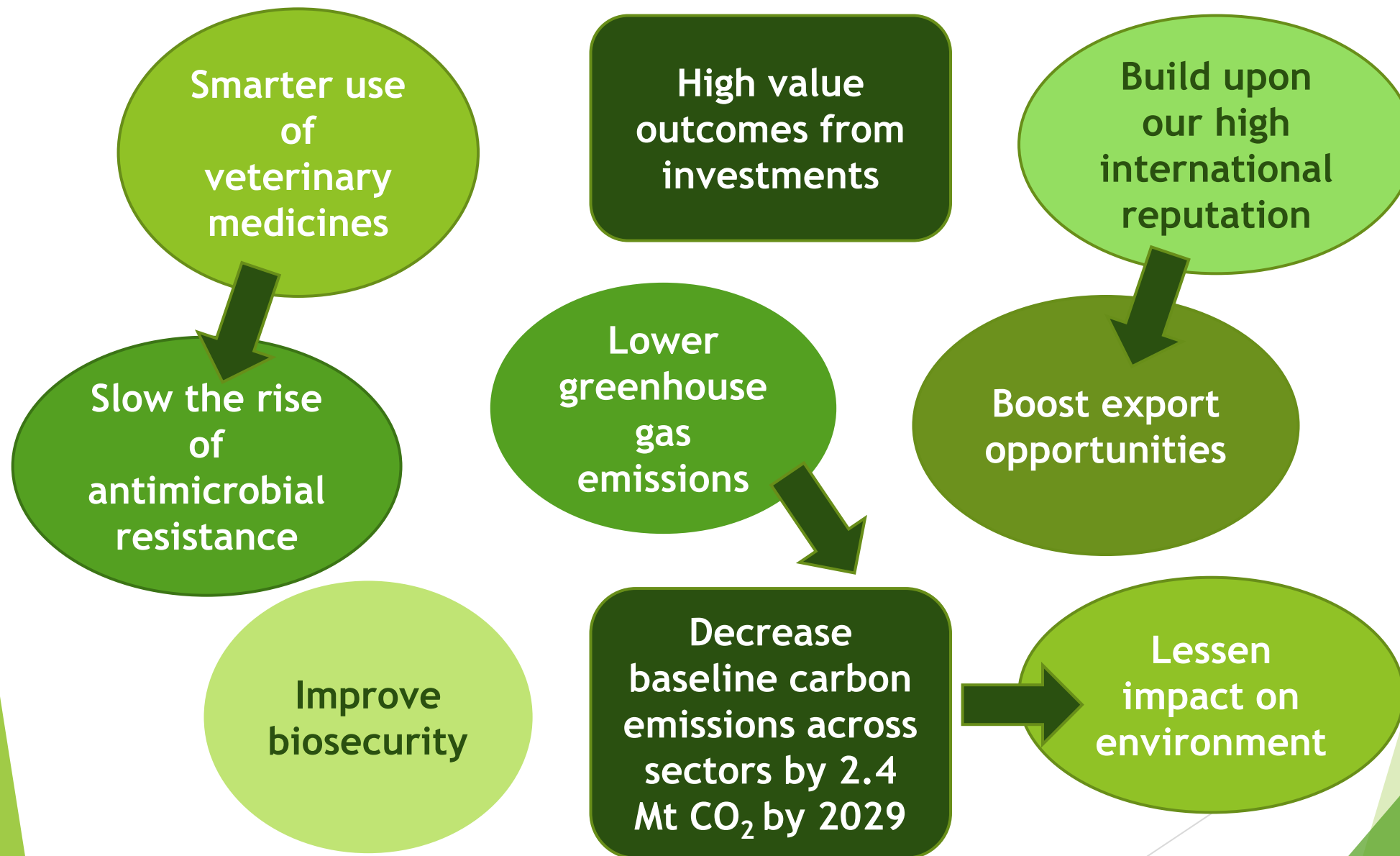


Simultaneous Improvement to Health and Welfare

An Integrated Approach



What Are Wider Benefits For Public Goods?



Co-Design - Our Wheel of Engagement



Our Vision



**Universal delivery of
healthier, higher welfare
animals across our farms**



Productivity

World-leading

Public health

Cost-effective

Environment

National picture

Evidence-backed

Consumer choice

Trade

National values

Food security

Multifaceted Approach - The 3 Pillars

Financially Supporting Farmers



Health/welfare enhancements delivered through publicly funded streams

Stimulating Market Trade



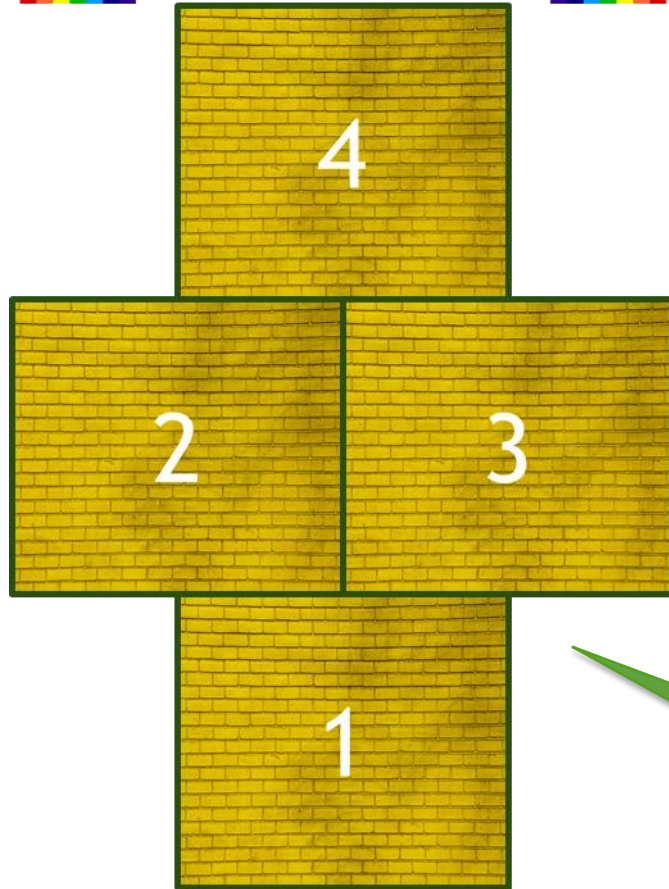
Greater certainty for farmers and consumers through improved transparency and identity

Strengthening the Regulatory Baseline



Improving performance and compliance

Where we want to be...



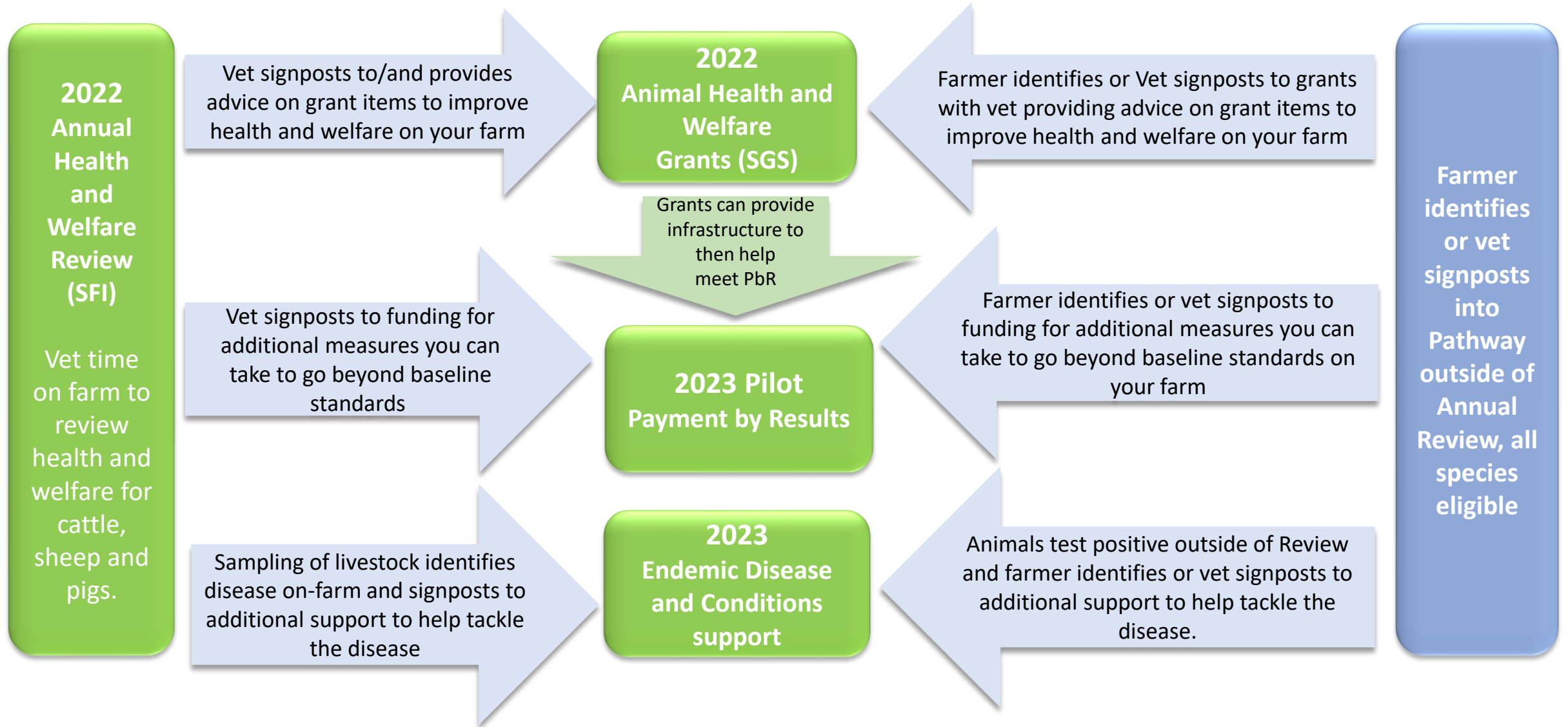
Where we are now...

Four Key Funding Steps

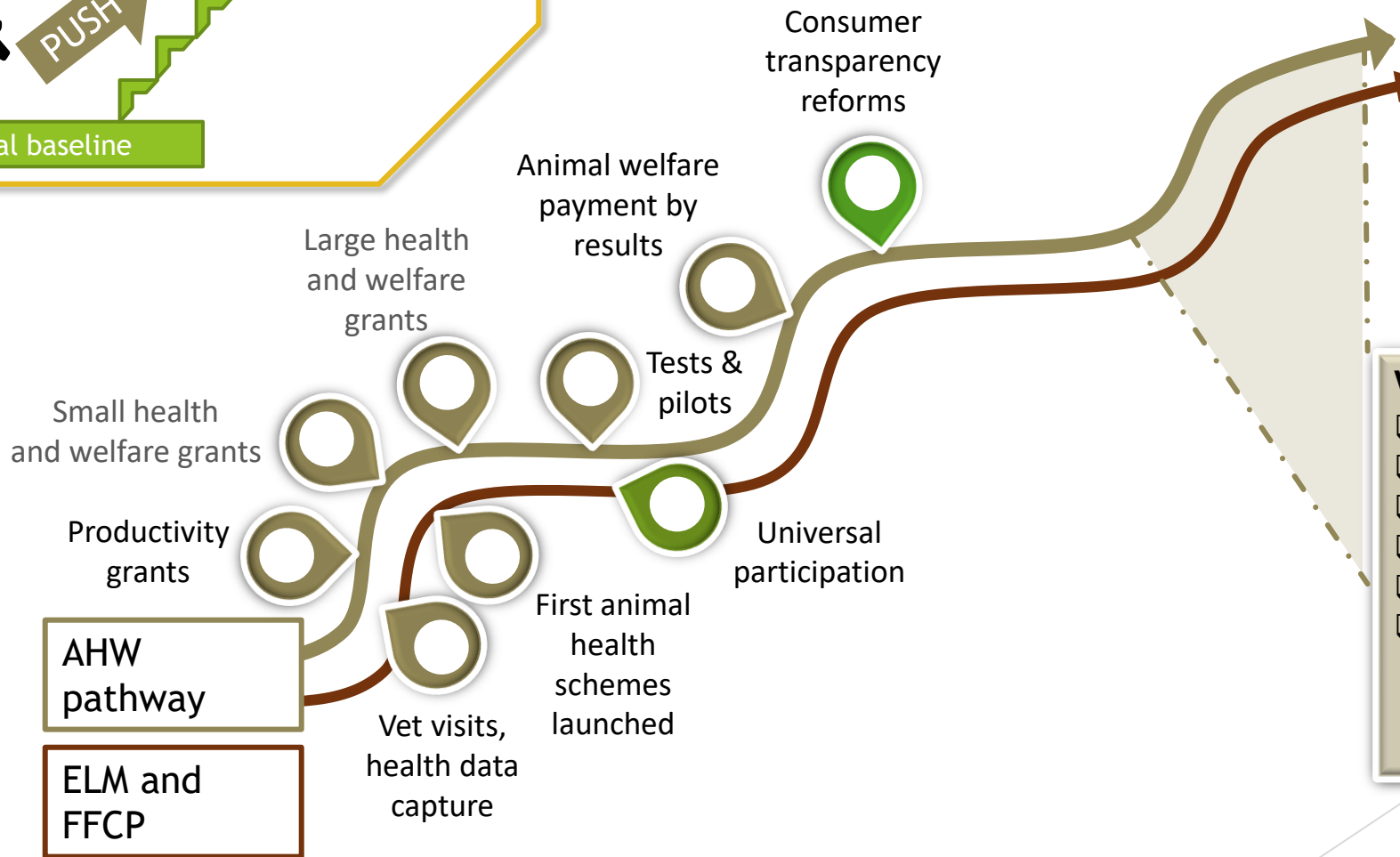
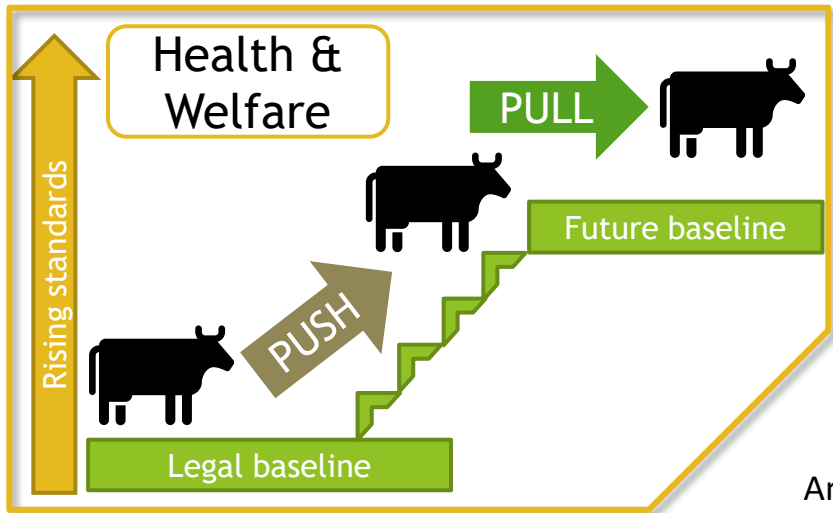
1. Annual Health and Welfare Review
2. Endemic Disease and Condition Support
3. Health and Welfare Grants
4. Payment by Results

The rules of hopscotch allow any applicable route!

Funding Steps Aim to Collectively Improve Farm Animal Health and Welfare



Pathway Journey and Future Vision



AHW Pathway
Farmers & Government working together to continually improve the health and welfare of farmed animals now and in the future

- Work continues:**
- Surveillance
 - Biosecurity
 - Enforcement
 - Productivity
 - Competitiveness
 - Building International Reputation & Trade

Why Get Involved in Our Disease Reduction Schemes?

Would it be a good thing to reduce some of the endemic diseases in your animals costing you money?

Well yes!

Why Get Involved in Our Disease Reduction Schemes?

Would it be a good idea if your neighbour reduced those same diseases too?

Well yes!

Why Get Involved in Our Disease Reduction Schemes?

Would it be good if we could provide you with physical and financial support to help do this in a coordinated way

Well yes!

Why Get Involved in Our Disease Reduction Schemes?

Yes, yes, yes!

So why not get involved?



A Farmer's Perspective

“Why wouldn't I join. It will be better for my staff, better for my bottom line and most importantly, better for my stock”

Peter Almack

A Vet's Perspective

“The relationship between farmers and their vets is integral to improving health, welfare and productivity on farm. The Pathway offers opportunities to address those areas, that are always that bit trickier to get to the bottom of, and I look forward to seeing how progress is made across the different livestock sectors”

Duncan Berkshire





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2: Annual Health and Welfare Review: The First Step of Pathway



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Vet Visits Farm (2-3 hours)

Priority Endemic Disease Testing:

- Pigs: *Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome Virus*
- Cattle: *Bovine Viral Diarrhoea*
 - Sheep: *Drench testing*



BVD costs the cattle industry at least £10 million per annum

PRRS costs the pig industry over £50 million per annum

Endemic diseases cost the sheep industry in excess of £80 million per annum



Further endemic disease and condition support:

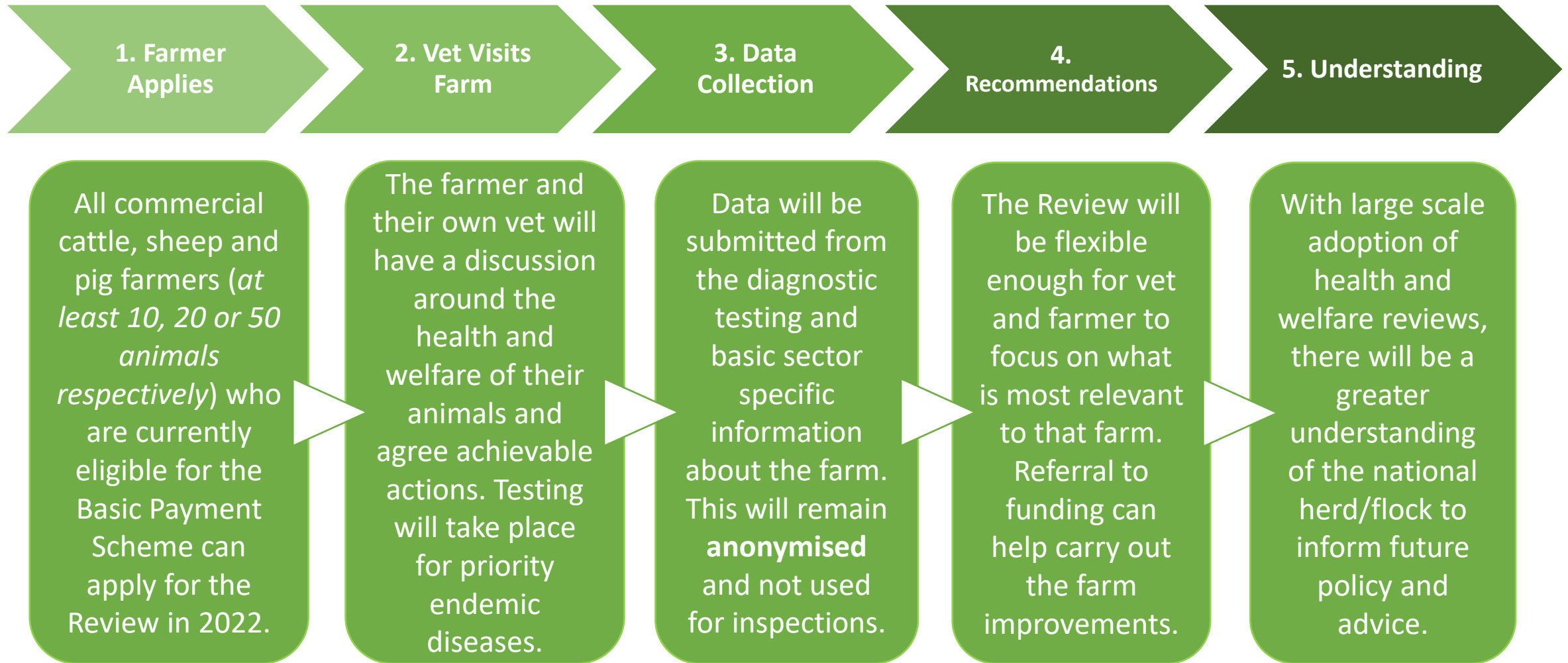
- Pigs: *Biosecurity improvements*
- Cattle: *Reducing lameness and mastitis*
- Sheep: *Reducing lameness*

Payment Rates

Sector	Payment Rate* / £ per Review
Beef Cattle	522
Dairy Cattle	372
Sheep	436
Pigs	684

**Payment rates are fixed and have been refined in collaboration with industry, based upon priority testing required. Payments will go to the farmer, covering their commitment, vet time and diagnostic testing. Variation in payment rates between species is due to differences in priority disease testing costs.*

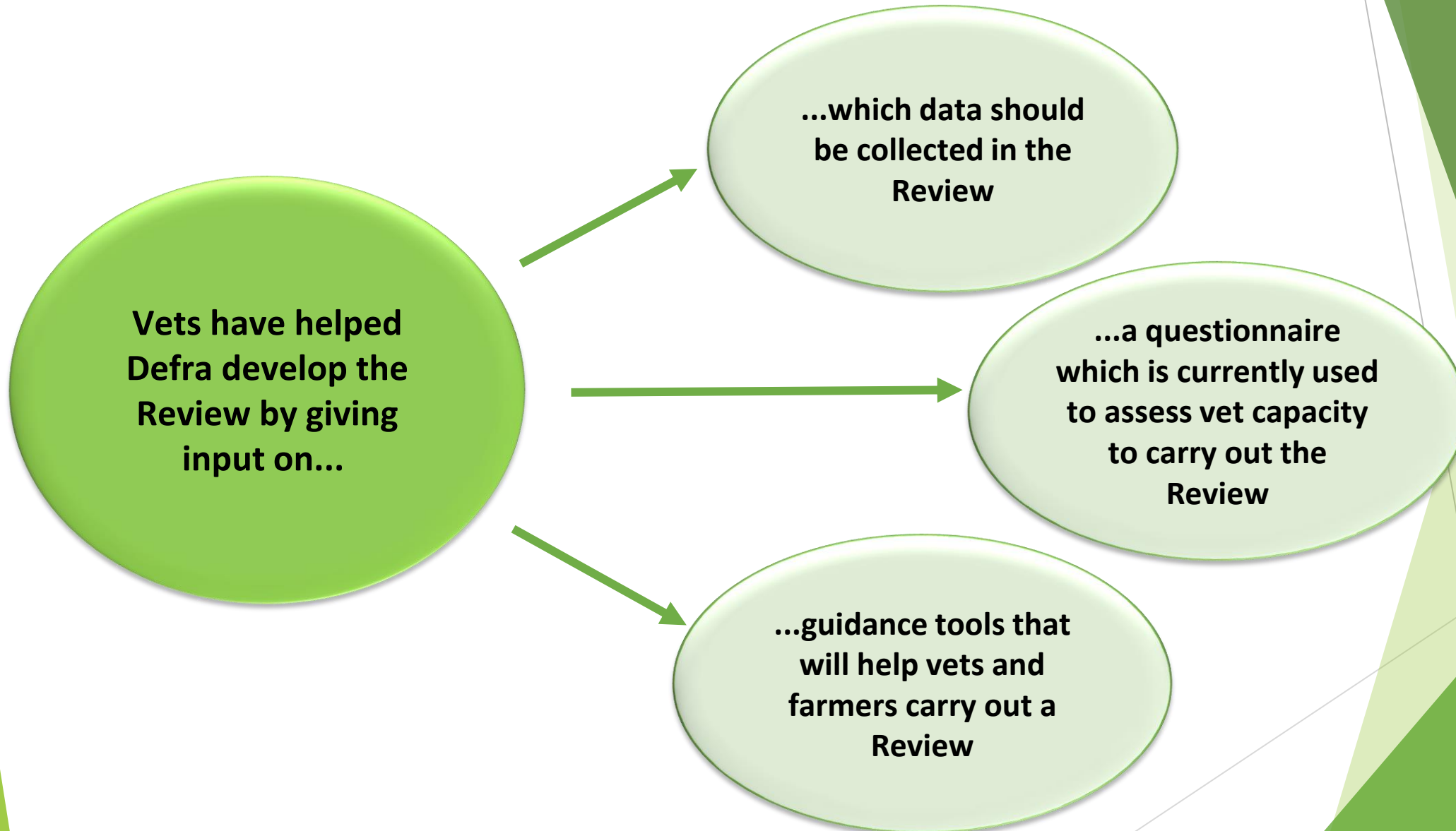
Journey Along The Review...



More information on the Review may be found in the recent SFI announcement:

[Policy paper overview: Sustainable Farming Incentive: how the scheme will work in 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/sustainable-farming-incentive)

Vet Engagement





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3: Next Steps



Looking Further Ahead...

Test and change approach will enable us to learn from our industry partners' feedback

Improved Biosecurity

- Slow the rise of antimicrobial resistance and reduce reliance on antibiotics
- Effective reduction of disease via the Review and endemic disease/conditions support

Reduced Emissions and Greater Environmental Outcomes

- Reduction of baseline carbon emissions by 2.4 Mt CO₂e by 2029

Improved Health and Welfare

- Delivery of standards based upon changing conditions
- Expanding membership for universal participation in the Annual Health and Welfare Review
- Improved health and welfare outcomes of at least 20% of the national herd

Increased Productivity Through Improved Health and Welfare Outcomes

- Increase English livestock farm productivity by at least 4% come 2028/29

Trade

- Increased market demand for higher welfare products
- Boost export opportunities in the 36 priority markets

Continued Professional Development for Animal Keepers



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Thank you – Q&A



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