



IPA Governance Forum

Charities, Non-Profits and Funders - Governance Culture, Values and Behaviour

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Introduction - About Tusla

- We are a new dedicated State agency - barely four years old
- We fund 1000 partner agencies to deliver services for children, young people, families and communities across Ireland
- More than €140m of our €300 spend on these services is with you - the external Community and Voluntary sector



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Our Mission

- Our new Corporate Plan 2018 – 2020 sets out a new mission and vision:



Tusla's Commissioning Strategy

- A new commissioning approach aligns supply with demand
- Focuses on outcome-based services
- Aims to end duplication and inefficiencies
- Ensures better value for money



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Commissioning Goals

- Confidence internal and external services are innovative
- Gaps and overlaps are reduced
- Clear governance across partners



Commissioning - the Challenges

- To ensure Tusla and its partners are providing services that match the needs of children and families
- To make sure we are spending public money wisely



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Good Governance

- Partner agencies will need to ensure their systems and structures meet the Tusla governance reform standards
- Ideally all funded organisations will be able to comply with our governance standards over a period of time to be agreed with the service provider and TUSLA



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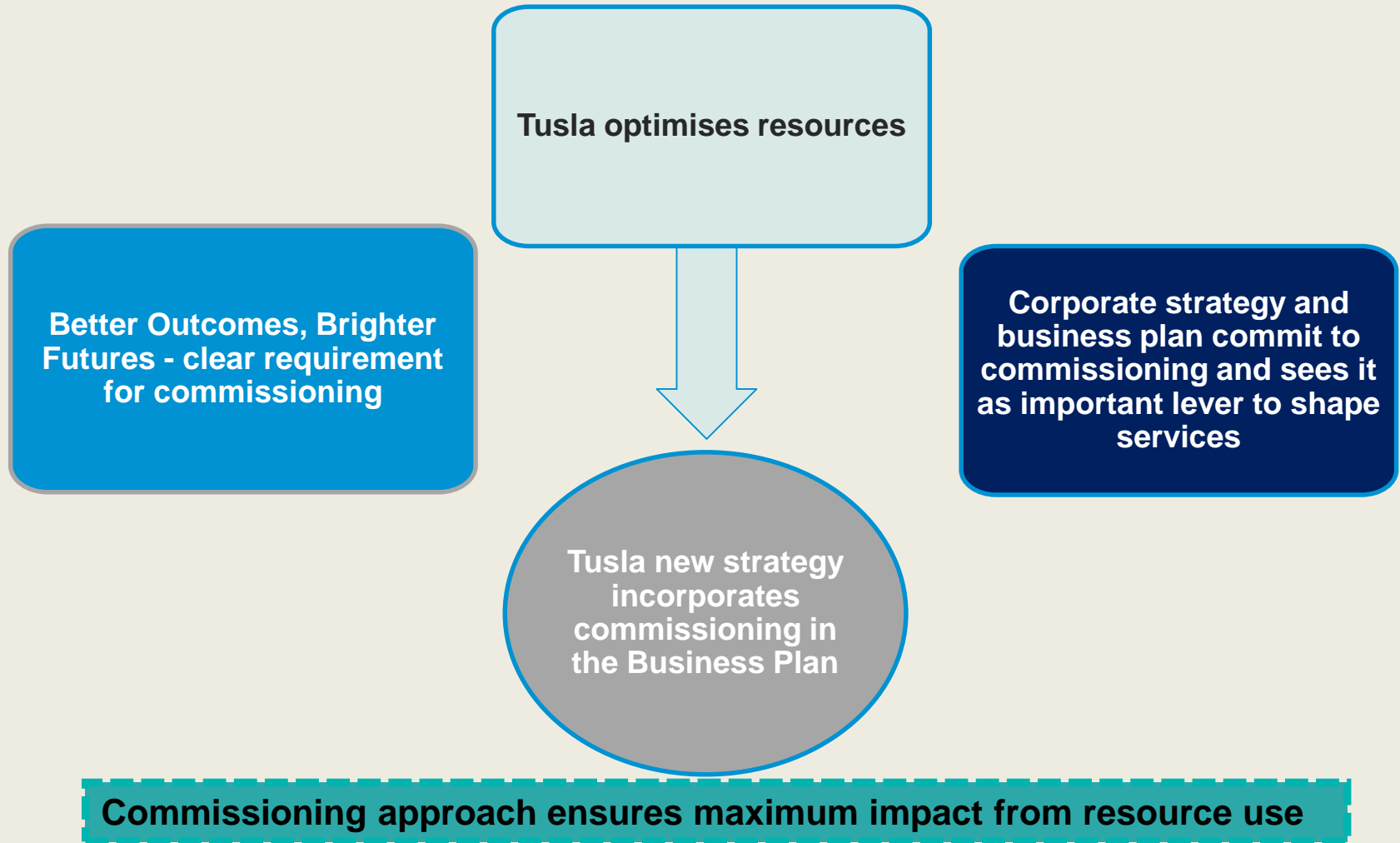
Key Information for Funded Partner Agencies

- Tusla commissioning will continue to support small highly targeted services and large scale local, regional and national services
- Priority will be given to programmes and services that are evidence informed
- Commissioning will take account of the specifics of the local, rural or urban areas



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Key Drivers for Commissioning Approach



Tusla's new approach will

- Streamline compliance to provide consistency and quality of service
- Will optimise value for public money allocated to help children and families
- Strengthen the support system around families and young people



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How We Achieve Change

- Within Tusla, a commissioning unit will provide advice to area managers to support sound decision making on service needs
- Tusla will provide support for funded agencies to help them achieve compliance
- The tools are all online



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Commissioning Strategy & Toolkit

- The Strategy & Toolkit provides the framework, the templates, tools and support so that you can know exactly what Tusla requires
- http://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Commissioning_Strategy.pdf
- You can find the new contract at:
[http://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Tusla_Section_56_Service_Arrangement_\(Final\)_PART_A.pdf](http://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Tusla_Section_56_Service_Arrangement_(Final)_PART_A.pdf)



Benefits for Funded Partner Agencies

- The contracting process will be simpler for you
- Plain language will make it easier for you to understand what you need to do
- It will be easier to see what documentation should be provided to Tusla
- Clear and concise advice on governance compliance

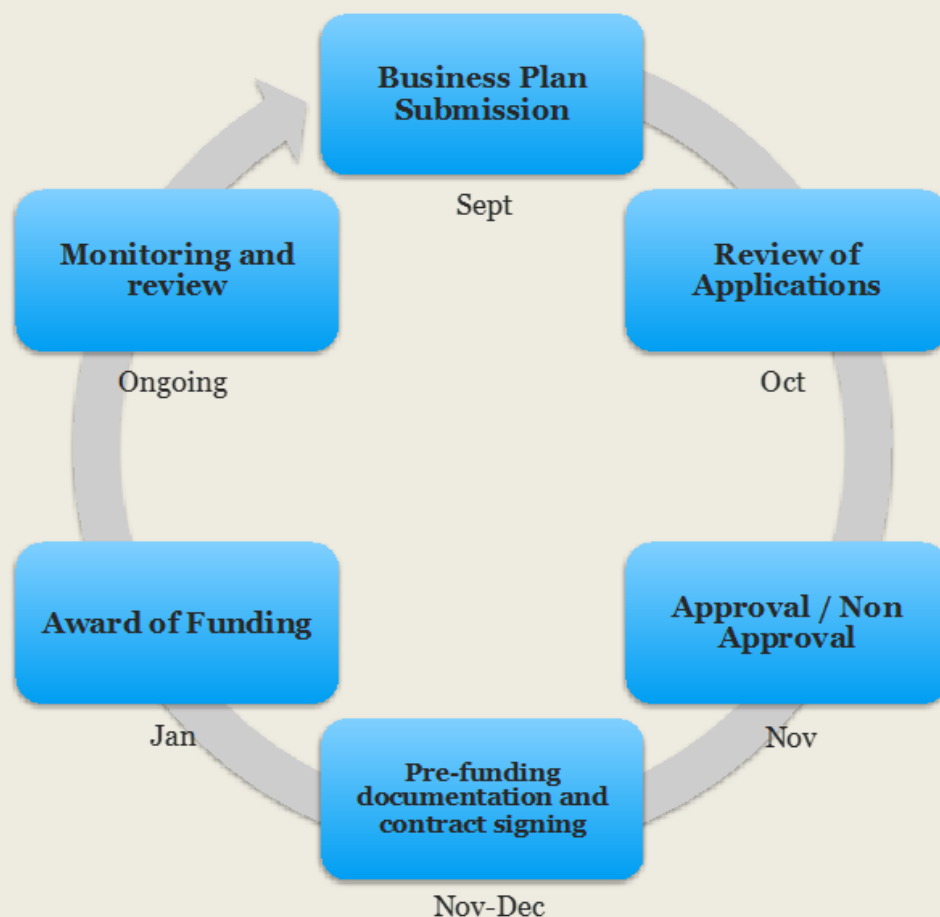


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The Contracting Cycle

Our plans for 2019 and onwards.

- Timeframe for future agreements in line with Department of Public Expenditure and Reform guidelines



Questions?

