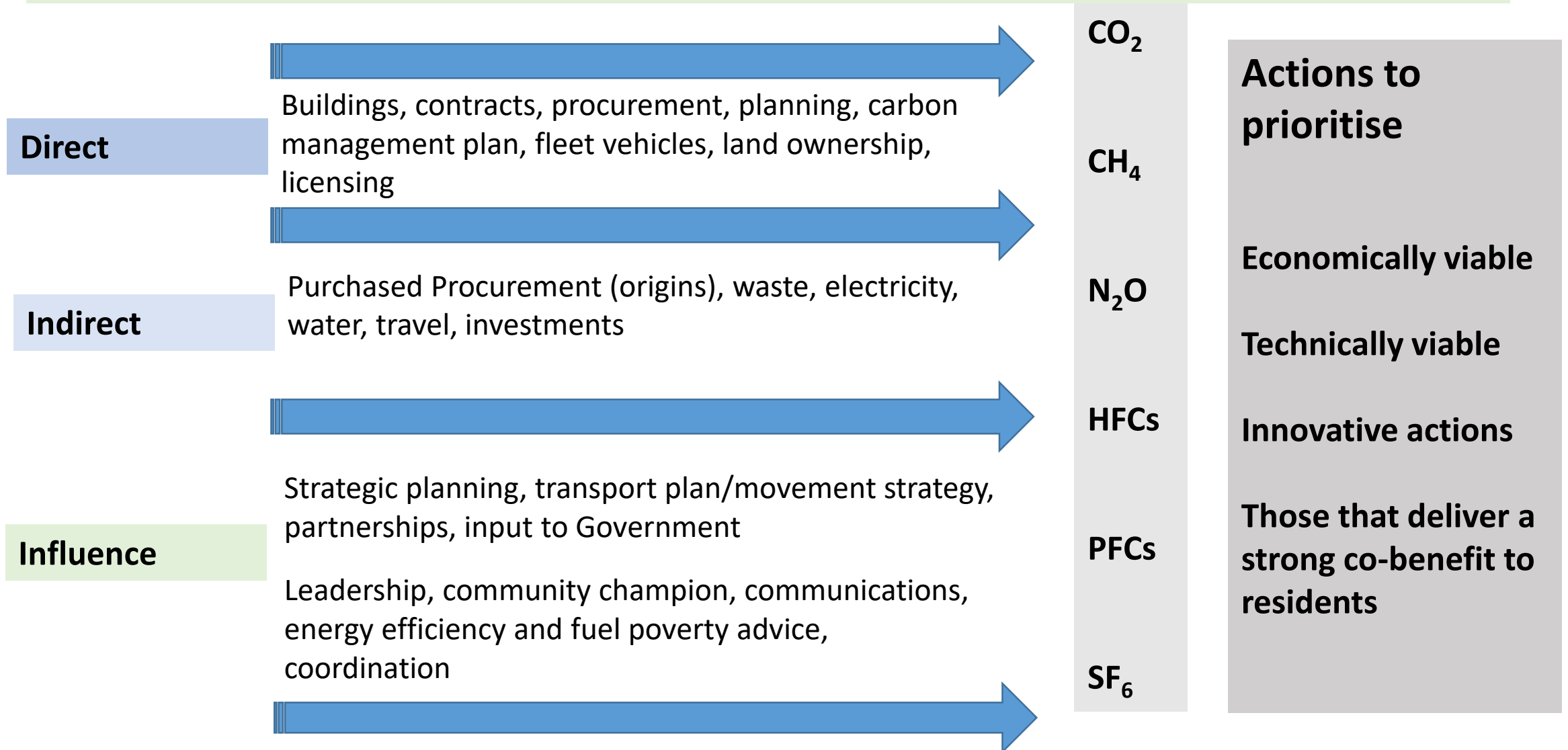


Defining the powers of a Council to act



Approach of the Task & Finish Group

- Ambitious and positive – with good quality research and a thorough scoping process.
- Four work streams to reflect internal work, partnership and community role, asks to central government and future adaptation policies.
- Final recommendations by January 2020 – but also interim headline recommendations to reflect urgency – SPD, changes to procurement and contracts.
- Strong staff, public and community involvement and engagement as well as linking up with neighbouring authorities.
- Detailed work to commence post-report via a Council Standing Panel.
- Action Plan and policy formulation to include, carbon savings, costs and financial savings, payback potential, co-benefits, deliverability and best practice.

What worked well and what worked less well

- Seventeen recommendations – all accepted by Cabinet.
- Budget set aside.
- Best engagement with stakeholders ever had – lots of enthusiasm and aspirations.
- Covid-19 – Action and monitoring of impacts has slowed, finances strained.
- Opportunity missed to tie together lessons from one crisis to another and learn.
- Danger that enthusiasm from stakeholders will be lost if change is not demonstrated.