



Planning Improvement

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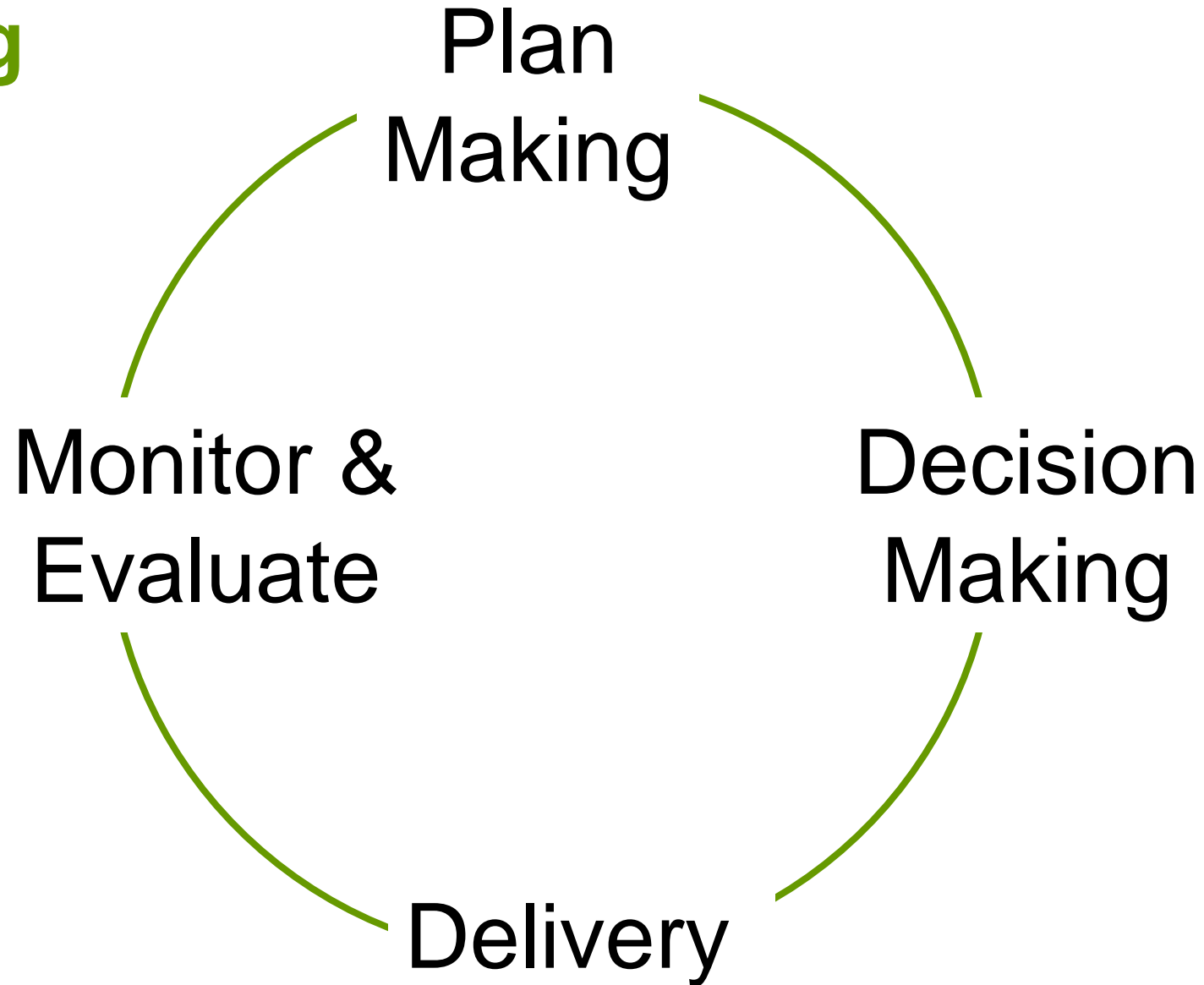
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This 10 minute session.....

- The Planning System
 - Ideal world vs. reality
 - The Challenges
 - Local issues and national policy
 - What is PAS doing to help?
 - Some key messages for you to takeaway
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Planning System



The Challenges

- Not enough local plans, leading to.....
- Short term decision making, leading to.....
- Delivery that is low in quality and quantity, which upsets communities.....
- Making it more difficult to bring forward plans.

Is there a way out of this cycle? What do recent policy changes do for planning?

National Policy & Penalties

Policy Objective	Where?	Penalties
Providing more land	Plan, monitoring	Plan intervention, 5YHLS, HDT
Improve delivery	Decision making, monitoring, better use of developer contributions	5YHLS, HDT
Ensure quality	Plan, decision making, monitoring	Designation, appeal?
Environmental protection	Plan, decision making, monitoring	Appeal?

PAS as a blue light service

- We provide help and support for Councils when they face the following:
 1. Plan intervention
 2. Designation for speed and/or quality
 3. Sanctions on the HDT
 - Action plan
 - 20% Buffer
 - Presumption in favour
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Improvement through PAS

- We prefer to work on a preventative model helping LPA's to improve. We work on the following;
 - Strategic Planning
 - Local Plans
 - Developer contributions and infrastructure
 - Delivery
 - Decision making & performance management
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Building capacity

- We work with Councils to find solutions.
 - We build these solutions into tools and advice for all Councils.
 - We link Councils sharing similar issues together.
 - We use officers and members from Councils to talk to others about their experiences.
 - This builds capacity and we all learn.
 - We don't work for Councils, we work with them.
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Key messages

1. The planning system is a cycle. The individual parts do not work in isolation.
 2. Monitoring and evaluation is crucial to making the planning system work. We all need to learn to improve.
 3. Improvement is not a project, it's part of what we all do.
 4. Avoiding penalties, whilst important, is short term.
 5. Working out what long term should look like is so much more important.
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