

# HIGHER NATIONAL

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# NEXTGEN

# PURPOSE

This session will introduce you to the key components of our NextGen: HN project, including our prototype design parameters, current and future work streams, and other significant features.

There will be a focus on our work around articulation and progression and opportunities for you to feedback to us.

**We deliver dynamic and flexible qualifications which develop skills, self-awareness, creativity and resilience. Meeting industry and societal needs, they empower and enable learners to thrive in a fast-changing and complex world.**

NextGen: HN Vision Statement

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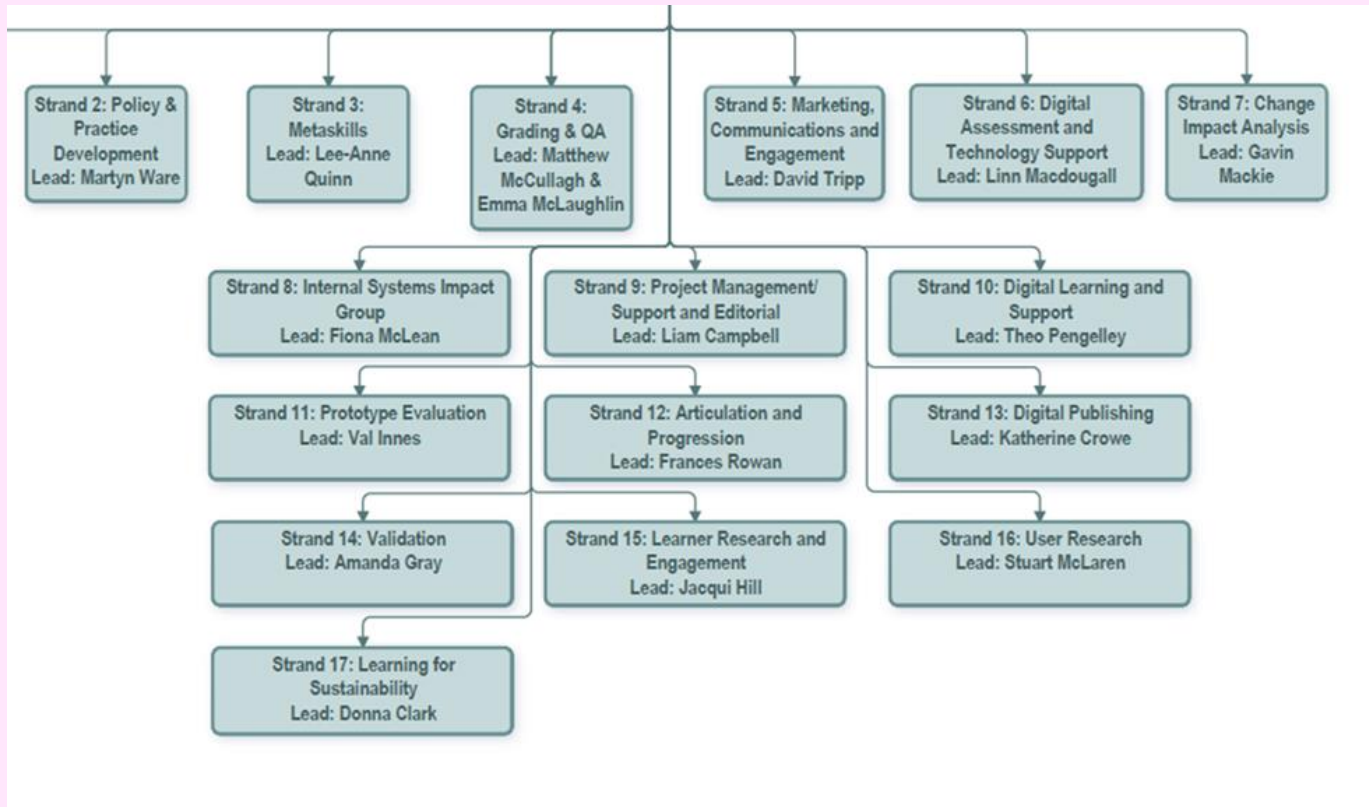


# Project Outline

This is a major programme of work, split across two phases of development and with a commitment to pilot and conduct ongoing research and evaluation activities until 2026.

- Phase 1 consists of new developments in three curriculum areas
- Phase 2 consists of new developments in eight curriculum areas
  - In Phase 2, some developments will be led by centres and some by SQA development teams.

In both Phase 1 and Phase 2, iterative evaluation approaches are in place throughout to ensure that developments will meet the needs of the user.



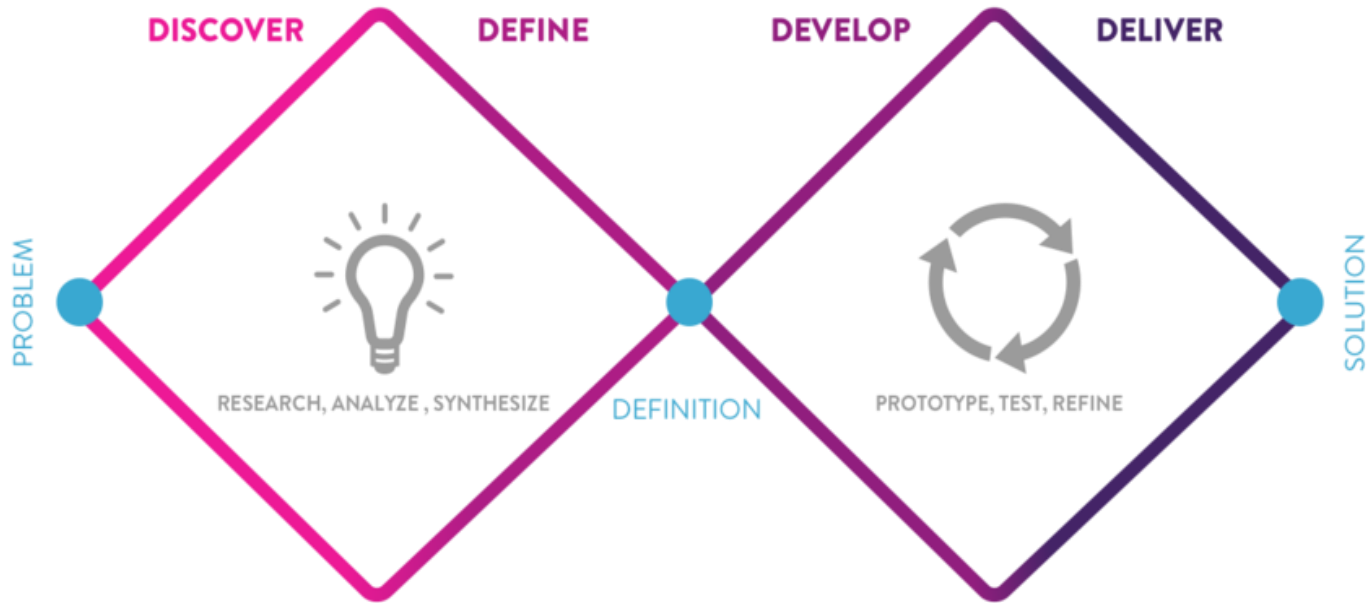
Extract from Governance Diagram

Not intended to be prescriptive and restrict choice, but instead support the design of the qualification within 'flexible fences'

- HNC and HND - discrete qualifications – 120 SCQF credit points (15 SQA credits) at L7/8
- Development of Integrated meta-skills – visible, evidenced and significant
- Larger and fewer units with significant reduction in assessment load for both learners and staff – Increased focus on learning and development
- Use of technology embedded to enhance and support assessment, learning and teaching approaches
- Graded units OUT – Qualification grading IN
- New model(s) of Quality Assurance



# Prototype design parameters



(as described by the British Design Council:  
<https://www.designcouncil.org.uk/>)

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# Meta-skills

From; Skills 4.0: a skills model to drive Scotland's future, Centre for Work-based Learning in Scotland, (2018).

Available at

[https://www.skillsdevelopmentScotland.co.uk/media/44684/skills-40\\_a-skills-model.pdf](https://www.skillsdevelopmentScotland.co.uk/media/44684/skills-40_a-skills-model.pdf)

| <b>Self management</b> | <b>Social intelligence</b> | <b>Innovation</b>        |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Focussing</b>       | <b>Communicating</b>       | <b>Curiosity</b>         |
| <b>Integrity</b>       | <b>Feeling</b>             | <b>Creativity</b>        |
| <b>Adapting</b>        | <b>Collaborating</b>       | <b>Sense making</b>      |
| <b>Initiative</b>      | <b>Leading</b>             | <b>Critical thinking</b> |





# GRADING

- New models of grading are being tested as part of these prototype qualifications
- Three prototype grading models developed in phase 1. Subsequent phase 1 and phase 2 developments will select one of these for pilot prototype delivery
- All subject to further change and refinement as development and pilot delivery development progresses.
- Pilot phase candidates will be graded as Achieved, Achieved with Merit or Achieved with Distinction
- Prototype grading narratives provide overview on each grade

# JOURNEY

## HNC Television

- Development 2020/21
- Pilot delivery 2021/22
  - Edinburgh College
  - New College Lanarkshire
- First cohort of pilot delivery candidates progress to HND 2022/23
- First cohort of pilot delivery candidates progress to degree study with advanced standing 2023/24

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SUBJECTS

2020/21

2021/22

2022/23

2023/24

2024/25

2025/26

HNC Engineering

HNC Television

HNC Computing

HND Data Science

HNC Engineering options

HND Engineering Systems

HND Television Production

HND Radio Production

HNC Computing options

HND Computer Science

HND Networking & Infrastructure

HND Software Development

HND Mechanical Engineering

HND Electrical Engineering

HND Measurement & Control

HND Manufacturing

HNC Electronic Engineering

Year 1  
Development

Year 1  
Pilot Delivery

Additional  
Pilot Delivery

Programme  
Implementation

Year 1  
Pilot Delivery

Additional  
Pilot Delivery

Year 2  
Development

Year 2  
Pilot Delivery

Additional  
Pilot Delivery

Potential  
Development

Potential  
Pilot Delivery

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Phase

SUBJECTS

2021/22

2022/23

2023/24

2024/25

2025/26

- HNC Accounting
- HNC Care: Childhood Practice
- HNC Care: Social Services
- HNC Fitness, Health & Exercise
- HNC Social Sciences
- HNC Accounting options
- HND Accounting
- HNC Care: Childhood Practice options
- HNC Care: Social Services options
- HNC Fitness, Health & Exercise options
- HND Fitness, Health & Exercise options
- HNC Social Sciences options

SQA led criteria development, application and selection

Year 1 Development

Year 1 Pilot Delivery

Additional Pilot Delivery

Programme Implementation

Year 1 Development

Year 1 Pilot Delivery

Additional Pilot Delivery

Programme Implementation

Centre led criteria development, application and selection

Year 1 Development

Year 1 Pilot Delivery

Additional Pilot Delivery

Programme Implementation

Year 2 Development

Year 2 Pilot Delivery

Additional Pilot Delivery

- HNC Agriculture
- HNC Agricultural Technology
- HNC Horticulture
- HND Programmes

2  
Phase

# Articulation and Progression

- Stakeholder Working Group
- Advice, guidance and feedback
- Understanding key requirements of employer, college and university routes
- Identify collaborative evaluation and research activity to ensure positive pathways
- Two meetings per annum and "Critical Friend" consultation



# REPRESENTATION

- Chair - University of Aberdeen, Dean for Widening Access, Articulation and Outreach
- Queen Margaret University, College Partnerships Manager - Representative of SCAPP
- The Open University, Partnerships Manager
- Chair of the National Access and Widening Participation Manager's Group
- Assistant Principal, Quality and Academic Partnerships, Fife College
- Principal, Riverside Music College
- Partnership Manger, Sport Scotland
- Head of Standards and Frameworks, Skills Development Scotland
- Pilot Centre Representative, New College Lanarkshire
- Rector, Larbert High School

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