

# EIP Preparations

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# Current Position - SRDP Development

- ▶ Completed phase 1 consultation over the course of the Summer
  - ▶ High level strategic consultation.
- ▶ Stakeholder Feedback
  - ▶ Stakeholder feedback generally favourable.
  - ▶ Pleased that SG aims to address issues with current programme.
    - ▶ Too complex and ambitious - mods! - aim to simplify.
    - ▶ Remove overlap/duplication.
    - ▶ Streamline application assessment process insofar as audit protocols permit.
    - ▶ Target investment where it is most needed - maximise value-added.
- ▶ Soon to launch stage 2 consultation.

# Advisory Services, Skills Development, Knowledge Transfer & EIP

- ▶ Current thinking informed from SWOT analyses.
- ▶ Priorities for agriculture and forestry:
  - ▶ Productivity and sustainability.
  - ▶ Biodiversity and habitats.
  - ▶ Economic viability.
  - ▶ Climate change adaptation and mitigation.
  - ▶ Efficient resource management.
  - ▶ Food supply chain integration.

# The Hub

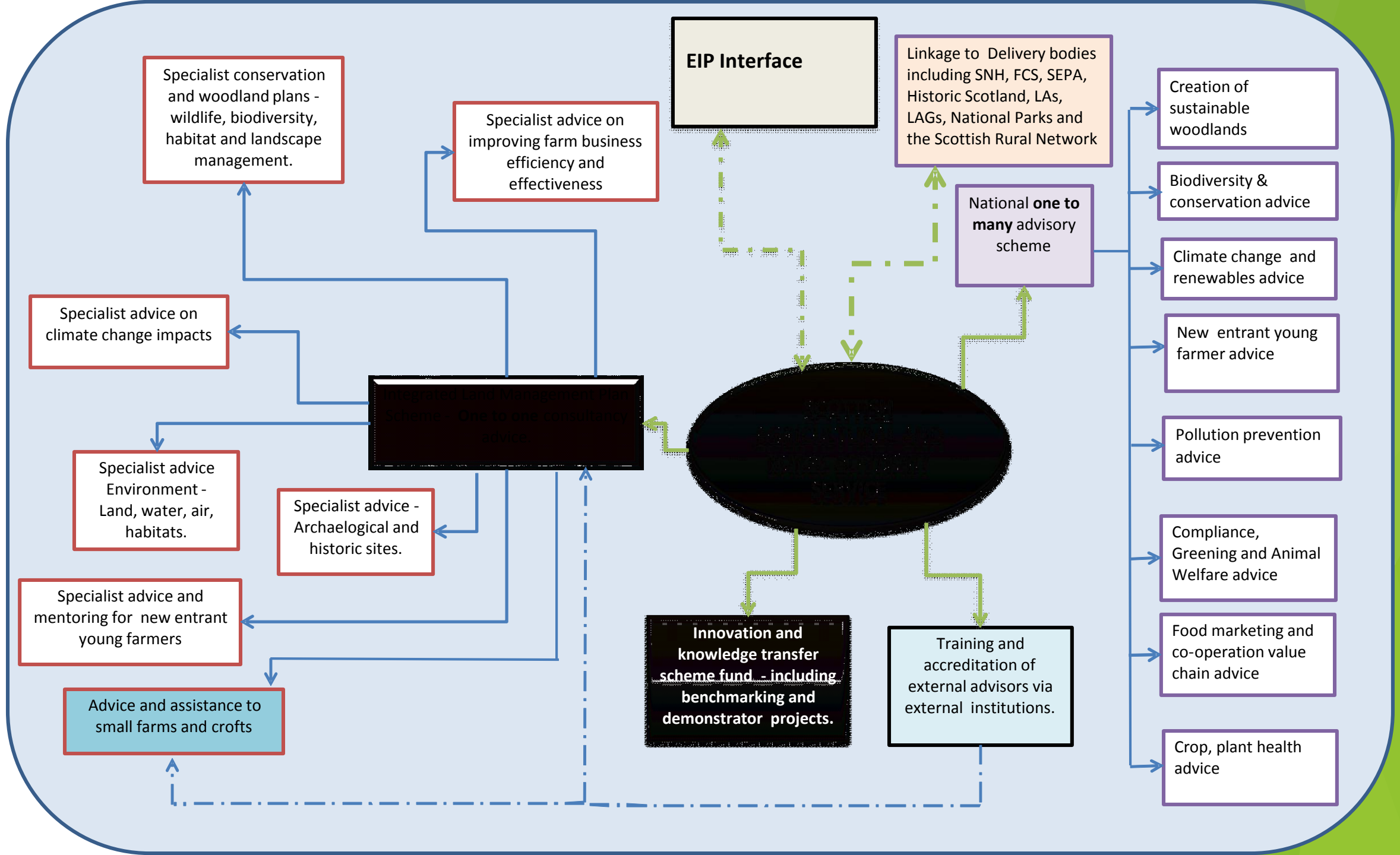
- ▶ Aim to deliver an advisory service which integrates with skills development, knowledge management & transfer, & EIP.
- ▶ Management of system will centre around a co-ordinating internal hub which will also fulfil the role of innovation broker and conduit to the EIP network.

# Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Fund (KTIF)

- ▶ Alongside promotion of learning & skills, the KTIF will promote the interactive innovation model where Operational Groups are formed and ideas/concepts are developed using bottom-up approaches.
- ▶ However, SG intends to use top-down approaches as well, where certain actions need to be targeted e.g. call for proposals from Operational Groups for initiatives which aim to stimulate innovative approaches to tackling climate change impacts from agriculture in the NE of Scotland.

# Aim and Approach

- ▶ Approach - To break down barriers; avoid silo approaches; and develop and strengthen links between researchers, NGO's, farmers, advisors and agri-businesses so as to promote innovative approaches and stimulate practical value-added actions on the ground.
- ▶ Aim - To support pilot projects and the development of new practices, processes and methodologies in the agriculture, food and forestry sectors, which aim to add value and deliver priority outcomes.



Thank you for listening.....,