



# South of Scotland Enterprise Act 2019

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### *Aims and powers*

#### **5 Aims**

- (1) South of Scotland Enterprise's aims are to—
  - (a) further the sustainable economic and social development of the South of Scotland, and
  - (b) improve the amenity and environment of the South of Scotland.
- (2) Achieving those aims may involve taking action directed towards (amongst other things)—
  - (a) supporting inclusive and sustainable economic growth,
  - (b) providing, maintaining and safeguarding employment,
  - (c) increasing the number of residents in the South of Scotland who are of working age,
  - (d) enhancing skills and capacities relevant to employment,
  - (e) encouraging business start-ups and entrepreneurship,
  - (f) supporting inclusive business models (such as social enterprises and co-operatives of any kind),
  - (g) promoting commercial and industrial—
    - (i) efficiency,
    - (ii) innovativeness, and
    - (iii) international competitiveness,
  - (h) promoting digital connectivity,
  - (i) promoting improved transport services and infrastructure,
  - (j) supporting communities to help them meet their needs,
  - (k) supporting community ownership of land and other assets,
  - (l) maintaining, protecting and enhancing the natural and cultural heritage and environmental quality of the South of Scotland,
  - (m) promoting the sustainable and efficient use and re-use of resources,
  - (n) supporting the transitions required to meet the net-zero emissions target (as defined in section A1 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009),

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (o) encouraging and facilitating collaborations between persons that will advance one or more of South of Scotland Enterprise's aims.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations alter South of Scotland Enterprise's aims by modifying this section.