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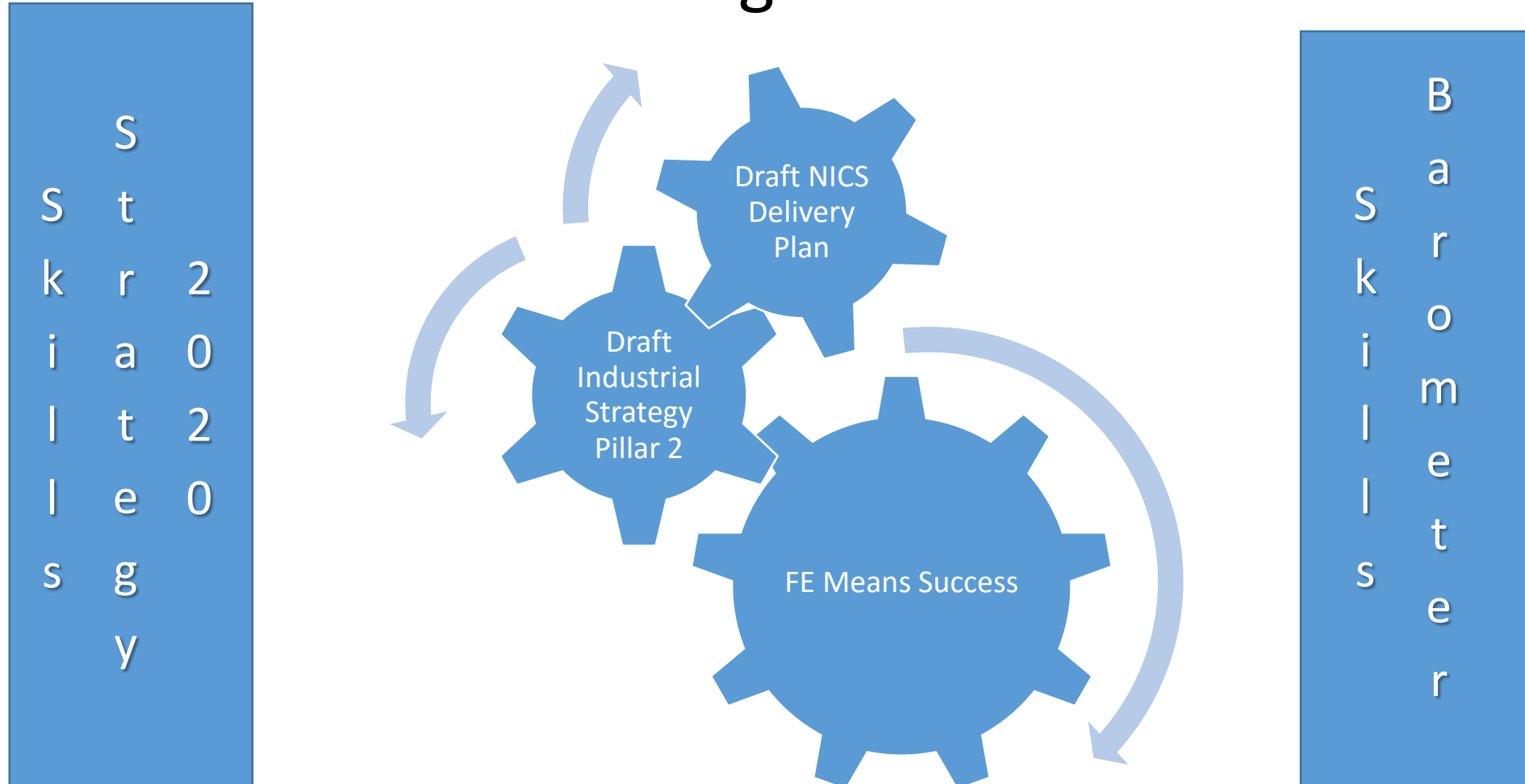
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Creating a globally competitive economy that works for everyone

FE Strategic Context



PFG/NICS Delivery Plan Improving Wellbeing for all by Tackling disadvantage and driving Economic Growth.

Outcome 1 – We prosper through a strong, competitive, regionally balanced economy.

Outcome 5 – We have a more innovative, creative society where people can fulfil their full potential.

Outcome 6 – We have more people working in better jobs.

FE MEANS SUCCESS



Objectives:

- To provide a world class, economically relevant, professional & technical education system
- To create a globally competitive economy through supporting employers to upskill and become more innovative
- To overcome educational disadvantage and support social and economic inclusion



FE MEANS SUCCESS

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UNION LEARNING FUND

- **Partnership between the Department and the local Trade Union movement**
- **Aligns with ‘Success through Skills – Transforming Futures’**
- **Department for the Economy and NIC-ICTU**
- **12 individual projects**



UNION LEARNING FUND

- **Enables NIC-ICTU and its member unions to work with local FE Colleges;**
- **Delivers training and qualifications at all levels, but with a particular emphasis on Entry Level, through to Level 2 and 3;**
- **Raising the skills and qualifications profile of the existing workforce;**
- **Aligns with the FE's aim of: 'assisting people to find a job, keeping them in a job and finding a better job'.**

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Current Developments:

- **Increase in the number of Accredited qualifications delivered through ULF;**
- **Particular emphasis on Essential Skills training and qualifications;**
- **Reduction in non-accredited training and standard 'Continuous Professional Development', delivered through the ULF;**
- **Regular communication and monitoring of the ULF performance and achievements against the agreed targets.**

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Looking ahead:

- Continue with the renewed emphasis on relevant accredited qualifications, including Essential Skills;
- Greater partnership work with the FE Colleges, with a proposal for a ULF representative/contact in each of the six regional colleges;
- Consider specific occupational areas, in line with the growth sectors of employment where skills shortages or deficits have been identified;
- Revised Project Application and Finance pro-forma, created by NIC-ICTU.



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Thank you.....Any easy Questions?



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