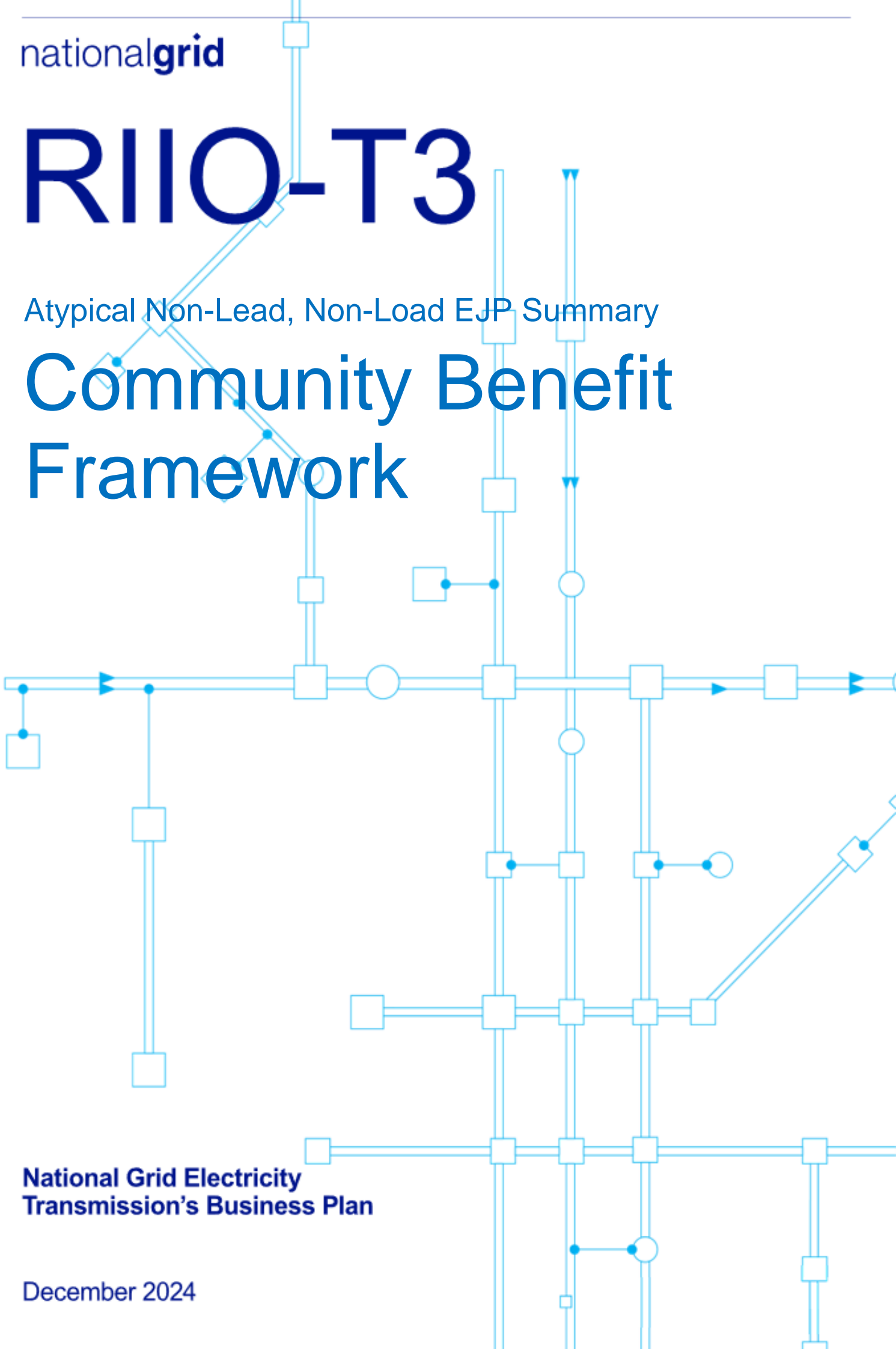


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Atypical Non-Lead, Non-Load EJP Summary

Community Benefit Framework



**National Grid Electricity
Transmission's Business Plan**

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Executive Summary

Background

This document outlines our strategy for delivering community benefits through our operations and infrastructure projects. The framework aims to secure funding for community benefits, aligning with anticipated government guidance and stakeholder expectations. It is important that our approach responds to local and regional aspirations, to drive genuine legacy benefits across host communities and regions. There is no one-size-fits all, and aspirations will likely differ across different communities, so it is important that our approach is flexible. Alongside our project engagement, we are working to establish local needs and priorities through socioeconomic analysis and engagement with communities and key stakeholders, such as Local Authorities, as well as ongoing alignment with Government, Ofgem and the other Transmission Owners.

Investment Drivers

The key drivers for this investment are:

- **Responsible Business Practices:** NGET is committed to maximising social value through its operations, leaving a lasting positive legacy for host communities.
- **Stakeholder Expectations:** Feedback from stakeholders indicates a strong demand for more significant community benefits, particularly in regions hosting multiple or nationally significant infrastructure projects.
- **Government Policy:** Although there is currently no legislative requirement for community benefits in transmission infrastructure, evolving government positions suggest the need for a structured approach.

Options

Primary options were evaluated for requesting community benefit funding in RIIO-ET3.

Preferred Solution

The preferred solution involves adopting the framework outlined in the former government's 'minded to' position. For the purposes of the document, the framework has been applied to projects where there is a high degree of certainty about the project scope and alignment with the anticipated government guidance. The preferred solution includes requesting baseline funding, and a separate allowance for community benefits associated with works to existing assets and infrastructure, and aims to maximise social value, support community needs and foster strategic regional partnerships. This will contribute to NGET's goal of leaving a positive legacy through its operations and infrastructure projects.

The total level of community benefit investment will be confirmed following the publication of the Government's community benefit guidance.

Timeline

Our community benefit framework will apply investment in line with draft government guidance with investment allocated to schemes in the NGET and ASTI programmes on a project-by-project basis, as appropriate and based on asset type. Forecasting on this basis has taken place but recognises that the former Government's framework isn't finalised and is yet to be published.